**Statement by Hungary on Kingdom of Morocco**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Morocco and thanks for the detailed national report and update. We appreciate that in line with the recommendation received in the second UPR cycle the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment was ratified by Morocco. Hungary commends the Government for the implementation of the plan for gender equality 2012-2016, and welcomes the adoption of the National Action Plan for the Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities.

Stigmatization and rejection surrounding persons with disabilities remains a concern. Therefore, Hungary **recommends** that the Government of Morocco continues taking comprehensive measures to better integrate persons with disabilities into the society through promoting their access to employment, health care and education.

Protection of minorities and indigenous people are of key importance for Hungary. We are seriously concerned that Christians and other religious minorities face discrimination and prosecution in their daily life. Therefore – even though Morocco had taken great steps in this regard – we **recommend** the Government to apply and adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination law, containing a general prohibition of all forms of direct and indirect discrimination. We also invite the Government to ensure that freedom of thought, conscience and religion are duly guaranteed for all in accordance with international law.

We consider quite unclear what kind of acts constitute an act of terrorism in the Criminal Code, thus Hungary **recommends** revising the provisions of the Code on terrorism and define terrorism-related offences more clearly and precisely.

Finally, we **recommend** that the Government ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as it has not been yet adopted by Morocco.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**