**Statement of Hungary**

**45th Session of the UPR Working Group, 23 January 2024, review of China**

*Speaking time: 45 seconds*

Hungary thanks China for its detailed report. We believe that the UPR serves as a platform for constructive dialogue to promote human rights worldwide, and shouldn’t be used for the instrumentalization and weaponization of human rights issues, as such actions are counter-productive and even harmful.

Hungary is pleased that China has ratified or acceded to several human rights instruments since its last UPR, and also participated constructively in the reviews of the implementation of human rights treaties. We also highly appreciate the Government’s contribution to upholding the U.N.-centered international system and its expeditious implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We welcome the steps taken to increase enrolment rate in schools, as well as the strengthening of child welfare throughout the country.

Hungary wishes to make the following recommendations:

* Further accelerate integrated urban and rural development;
* Continue to reinforce the protection of lawyers’ rights to practice;
* Continue to improve the world's largest education, social security, and health care systems.

I thank you!