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**Statement by Slovakia**

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Madam President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Hungary to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We would follow with interest the adoption of various pieces of legislation aimed at improving the legal framework for better guaranteeing fundamental freedoms in Hungary.

Among them the freedom of expression, the plurality of the media and independence of journalists. We wish that this important component of democratic society can flourish freely in Hungary.

Despite some changes, we note the lack of institutional, regulatory and strategy framework to address the full implementation of the rights of the child without any discrimination. The ratification of OP CRC on communications procedure could be a positive step in this direction.

We would like to offer following **recommendations** to Hungary for further consideration:

1. Ensure that children belonging to national minorities have access to education in their mother tongue.
2. Consider ratification of UN Convention on Enforced Disappearances.

We wish Hungary a successful review.

I thank you, President.