**Statement of Hungary on Sri Lanka**

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Hungary thanks Sri Lanka for its detailed national report and update.

We are pleased that despite the setbacks of COVID-19 and prevailing economic challenges the country faced, Sri Lanka has made steady progress towards achieving the SDGs. We also acknowledge the Government’s efforts and recent developments regarding the reconciliation process. We welcome among others the reconstitution of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and the Government’s assessment on establishing a Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

It is our firm conviction that a stable political system would be of fundamental importance both for the implementation of the recommendations received and the promotion and protection of human rights for all.

Hungary wishes to make the following recommendations:

* Continue to make further progress on reconciliation taking into account domestic priorities and policies, including through engagement with the Sri Lankan diaspora;
* Ensure that adequate resources are provided for the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to continue its work;
* Further continue the process of constitutional reforms with a view to ensure non-discrimination on any grounds.

Thank you!