**Statement by Hungary on Burundi**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Burundi and thanks for the national report.

We are appalled by the deepening human rights crisis which gripped Burundi in April 2015. Hungary is concerned that impunity is endemic in the country and most human rights violations and abuses, including summary executions, torture, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention and sexual violence, reportedly committed by members of the police and security forces - often in collaboration with members of the ruling party’s youth league (*Imbonerakure*) – do not lead to prosecution.

Therefore, Hungary wishes to make the following recommendations to Burundi:

1. Cooperate with the Human Rights Council-mandated Commission of Inquiry and allow its members unhindered access to the country, including to victims of human rights violations and abuses.
2. Call for the immediate ending of all forms of torture and set up an independent mechanism to investigate complaints of torture and ill-treatment.
3. Take effective measures, including strengthening the capacity of the criminal judiciary and enhancing access to legal assistance for survivors of gender-based violence, without any discrimination, in order to punish the perpetrators of rape and other forms of sexual violence against women and girls.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**