**Statement of Hungary on the United Arab Emirates**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thanks for its national report. We welcome the establishment of a number of interrelated national policies to promote and ensure the enjoyment of basic human rights. We are particularly pleased for the “National Strategy for the Empowerment and Advancement of Emirati Women” initiative. We value the Government’s strengthened efforts towards the empowerment of women, gender equality and the elimination of discrimination against women. We encourage the continued efforts of the government in implementing policies that ensure equal rights for women, including in the judicial system.

**Therefore, Hungary recommends that the United Arab Emirates:**

* Continue efforts to address gender based discriminatory practices in the judiciary.
* Ensure more effective interpretation services and legal aid to foreign women in criminal court proceedings.

We commend the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. We further encourage the Government to address the issues of violence against children through the implementation of comprehensive laws and through raising awareness of positive and non-violent child rearing.

As a crime that undermines human dignity, human trafficking continued to be a worrying phenomenon in the country. Thus, we encourage the Government to reaffirm its commitment to combating all human trafficking offences in cooperation with the international community.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**