**Statement by Hungary on Cabo Verde**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of Cabo Verde to the UPR Working Group.

We appreciate the firm commitment of Cabo Verde to the promotion of human rights and we recognize the progress made so far, especially in the field of legal and institutional framework.

We commend the government of Cabo Verde for making social protection a high priority on the development agenda. According to different sources, by 2015 the country had become one of the most advanced nations in Africa in terms of establishing a social protection floor. Major steps taken by the government had reduced the level of poverty and vulnerability of the target population.

While we welcome the adoption of the National Plan to Combat Gender-based Violence (2014-2018), we note that the National Plan does not cover trafficking or the exploitation of women and children through prostitution.

We also note that the amended Criminal Code does not punish persons who promote prostitution of children aged between 16 and 18.

Hungary therefore recommends that Cabo Verde:

1. Adopt comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation and a national action plan on trafficking with measurable indicators and targets.
2. Amend the Criminal Code to prohibit the promotion of prostitution of children between 16 and 18 years of age.

Hungary wishes Cabo Verde every success in this UPR process and we are looking forward to the further improvement of the country’s human rights record.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**