**Statement of Hungary on the Russian Federation**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of the Russian Federation and expresses its thanks for the detailed national report and update.

We support the efforts of the Russian Federation to strengthen constructive dialogue on topical human rights issues on the international human rights agenda. We encourage the Russian Federation to further improve human rights protection arrangements and strengthen its cooperation with the regional human rights monitoring mechanisms.

We welcome the intention of the Russian Federation to extend the range of its international human rights obligations and become a State Party to further international human rights instruments. Since the 2nd round of its UPR, the State under review has become a Party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and to more than a dozen regional instruments, drawn up within the framework of the Council of Europe.

**Hungary recommends that the Government**

* become party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,
* strengthen the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, including by expediting the adoption of the draft federal law that is awaiting for approval by the Parliament, and provide wheelchair users with the unequivocal right to unhindered access to apartment buildings,
* harmonize the various laws on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly regarding access to land and natural resources, and pay specific attention to the protection of their natural environment. We welcome measures already taken to strengthen the protection of the rights of ethnic minorities and indigenous people.

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as well as the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights raised concern over the gender pay gap, and about the list of more than 450 occupations in which women were precluded from access to the labour market. We join their call on the Government to facilitate women’s entry into those jobs by improving working conditions.

We welcome the initiatives on the protection of Christians in the world, in particular in the Middle East.

Finally, the Hungarian Delegation wishes a successful UPR to the delegation of the Russian Federation.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**