**Statement by Hungary on the Central African Republic**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of the Central African Republic and thanks for its detailed national report and update. We commend that the Constitution of 30 March 2016 established a large number of institutions for a better protection and promotion of human rights. As a very significant step to prosecute the perpetrators and accomplices of the serious human rights violations committed in the country, the creation of the Special Criminal Court is highly valued. We welcome that the protection of the most vulnerable groups of society has become a priority for the newly elected authorities.

However, we remain concerned about the widespread instability and insecurity throughout the country, that leads to grave and systematic violations committed by armed groups, the quasi-collapse of the State - including the judiciary, the education and the health systems - and the urgent humanitarian situation.

**Therefore, Hungary recommends that the Government:**

* support initiatives to achieve peace and security, restore and strengthen State institutions, including the justice system, and ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid to those in need;
* refrain from granting amnesty to those responsible for serious crimes under international law, or serious human rights violations
* reaffirm the rights of victims of human rights violations to know the truth as well as to redress and reparation;

Finally, the Hungarian Delegation wishes a successful UPR to the delegation of the Central African Republic.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**