**Statement by Hungary on New Zealand**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of New Zealand and thanks for its detailed national report and update. The variety of actions undertaken by the Government to address recommendations accepted during the second UPR cycle are highly valued. We particularly appreciate that according to the suggestion made by Hungary and others, New Zealand has ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Hungary recommends that the Government:

* Continue to fight against all forms of gender-based violence, including sexual and domestic violence in particular, by guaranteeing in particular that all victims benefited from protection and had access to adequately funded medical and legal aid.
* Review all education legislative and policy settings to ensure that schools provided accessible inclusive education for all.
* Increase employment opportunities for particular groups, notably Maori, Pasifika, women and the disabled ones.

Given the alarmingly high level of child poverty and the presence of vast number of children suffering from abuse and neglect, Hungary welcomes the Government’s designation of child poverty as a policy priority, also commends the Child Poverty Reduction Bill, introduced to Parliament in January last year. We recommend the Government to continue to move forward in this area and take targeted measures to reduce child poverty, also ensure that all children are free from violence, abuse and neglect.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**