**Statement of Hungary on YEMEN**

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**Mr. President,**

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

We recognize the fact that Yemen is a party to 7 of the core international human rights treaties and 4 of their optional protocols. We note that Yemen is also a party to most international humanitarian law instruments. Therefore, Yemen’s efforts to improve the human rights situation should focus on full implementation of its international obligations and commitments.

**Hungary recommends that the Government**

* ratify OPCAT and the ICC Statute,
* become a party to the 2nd Optional Protocol to ICCPR, and in the meantime declare a moratorium on executions,
* cooperate fully with the Group of Eminent Experts to ensure that all perpetrators of serious crimes in Yemen are held to account,
* ensure free expression and practice of religion and protect Christian minority groups against threats and acts of violence,

Hungary is convinced that protection and promotion of human rights is at least as relevant in times of conflict as in times of accord. We encourage the Government to take urgent steps to ensure wide-ranging implementation of the right to an adequate standard of living, the right to health, and the right to education to all citizens.

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

**Thank you, Mr. President!**