**Statement of Hungary on ERITREA**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Eritrea and expresses its thanks for the detailed national report and update. The country under review has just recently entered into a period of peace and we hope that this will allow Eritrea to also move forward on human rights issues.

We are mindful of the fact that Eritrea is a party to 6 of the core international human rights treaties and 2 of their optional protocols. We believe that thorough implementation of these instruments and others that Eritrea may choose to ratify in the future, can contribute to the socio-economic, political and social transformation of the country.

**It is in this vein that Hungary recommends that the Government**

* ratify the CRDP, OP-CAT, and the ICC Statute,
* expand its engagement with the international and regional human rights organizations, bodies and special procedures,
* cooperate fully with the HRC Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea,
* ensure that children aged between 16 and 18 years shall not be tried as adults, and shall not be placed in detention together with adults.

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

**Thank you, Mr. President!**