



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor, during the 3rdUPR
Review of Hungary**

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Madam President,

We welcome and thank the brotherly delegation of Hungary for presentation of its 3rd UPR report.

We acknowledge legislative and administrative steps including strengthening of the Office of Commissioner for Fundamental Rights. Improvements in laws to promote equality, combat domestic violence, empowerment of women and children rights protection are positive developments.

However, we share concerns over challenges related to judicial independence, hate speech and xenophobic acts against migrants and refugees. Reports of torture and excessive use of force by law enforcement officials against Roma Community, migrants and refugees are also troubling.

We recommend Hungary to:

- a) Continue to further strengthen the Office of Commissioner for Human Rights by provision of additional financial and administrative resources.
- b) Take steps to counter racist discourse, hate speech and incitement to violence, and ensure effective investigation and prosecution of those responsible.
- c) Take measures to protect the full independence and impartiality of the judiciary.

I thank you.