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Statements made by State under review at the HRC under item 6 after the adoption of the UPR report

Country: Hungary (First Cycle, 2011)

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"Hungary wishes to underline that we consider the UPR the beginning of a long-term engagement to strengthen our own human rights record. The Hungarian government has already embarked on the implementation of the recommendations received last May, and I am pleased to announce that February this year, a high level Human Rights Working Group was established by the government of Hungary, with the participation of ministers of state from several ministries. This inter-ministerial body will monitor the protection of human rights in light of our international obligations, including the engagements stemming from the UPR process. Moreover, it will evaluate and coordinate the Hungarian Human Rights policy and its implementation. To achieve these goals, the Working group will actively engage with civil society through a Civil Roundtable, which will provide a platform for discussions with NGOs. In addition to the above, Hungary has completed the ratification of the OPCAT and is in the process of ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance. Many delegations welcomed the organisation of the Budapest Human Rights Forum, an annual initiative by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary. It is my honor to inform you that the Fifth Forum this autumn will deal with the subjects of freedom of expression on the internet, the 20th Declaration of Minorities, and reprisals".