



**Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights  
Hungary**

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Mr. President, Excellencies, Mr. Minister, Ladies and Gentleman,

It is a great honour to be here. My name is Dr. Marcel Szabó, I am the Deputy Commissioner for Future Generations, representing the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, the A-status National Human Rights Institution. Examining the last 5 years in the UPR's second cycle, our report contained several recommendations, and I would like to highlight some of these important issues regarding which our office calls for further progress to happen:

1. Regarding **children's rights** the need for a better regulated system for juvenile justice in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child were highlighted in our report. We have also identified that the shortage of child and adolescent psychiatrists could jeopardize the provision of adequate services. Professionals working in the field of child protection should be trained and educated to enable them to provide for children in need of special welfare services. An awareness raising strategy for teaching children's rights should be developed.

2. **Rights of people with disabilities** should include access to more efficient community based services, and proper support would be required in order to enable them to have the opportunity to decide on independent living. In addition, adequate legal regulation is needed for full conformity with UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

3. Regarding **environmental rights**, public participation should be fully ensured. Similarly, legislative steps should be more focused on long-term solutions and environmental rights should be integrated in decision making processes. In case of environmental remedial procedures, especially where long-term industrial ground and groundwater pollution can endanger the health of inhabitants, it is necessary to establish reasonable deadlines for remedial obligations.

Thank you for your time and attention!