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The Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and – with reference to the Executive Office’s note EOSG/ROL/2014/1 – has the honour to provide the following information about the implementation of pledges made by the Government of Hungary at the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law in 2012:

**Accession to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance:**

Preparation of the accession is in progress.

**Accession to the Protocol No. 3 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning Euroregional Co-operation Groupings (ECGs):**

Preparation of the accession is in progress.

**Ratification of the Third and Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition:**

Ratification and promulgation of the Protocols are expected in the first half of 2015.

**Accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure by the end of 2013:**

Preparation of the accession is in progress.

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**Implementation of the reiterated pledges made at the 31<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent:**

Pledges concerning strengthening international humanitarian law have been mostly implemented, through holding conferences and expert meetings, on issues like implementation mechanisms, local humanitarian action, legal protection of victims of armed conflicts, etc.

**Launching an integrity-based corruption prevention project with a total budget of 2,3 million EUR by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012, and the promotion of ethical behaviour among public servants:**

A comprehensive project was launched in 2012 by the Government of Hungary. A new act was adopted in 2013 on the protection of public service announcements that introduced the institution of the protection of “whistleblowers”. Also in 2013 the Government introduced the post of integrity advisors to all levels of state administration and created the framework for preparing appropriate procedures in the institutions as well as introduced the mandatory yearly anti-corruption plans. A Green Book and a Government Officials’ Code of Ethics have been created in co-operation with professional advocacy boards. More than 10.000 government officials participated at integrity, integrity management and ethics trainings.

**The simplification of administrative procedures regarding birth registration and civic records by the end of 2013:**

The electronic civic register system was created, the processing deadlines have been shortened to 5 days. The inclusion of new-born citizens to the personal data and address register became automatic, a separate procedure is no longer needed. Validity periods of national ID cards have been extended, the deadlines for submitting requests for new documents have been modified, and the deadline for issuing the new documents has been shortened from 30 to 20 days.

**Adoption of specific measures to address the special needs of woman prisoners and women offenders in accordance with the Bangkok Rules by the end of 2014:**

Two further prisons in Hungary have been fitted to accommodate detained women, therefore detention in geographical proximity to the place of residence is possible also in all parts of Hungary. A new regulation has been introduced regarding the space provided for detained women, increasing it to 3,5 m<sup>2</sup>. The hygienic requirements of women were taken in consideration in the new regulation as well. Rules have been introduced on the treatment and hospitalization of pregnant detainees.

**Establishment of child-friendly investigation rooms at every regional police station in accordance with Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child:**

Child-friendly investigation rooms have been created at each regional police command headquarters by minister of justice decree.

**Adoption of the new Criminal Code in line with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court:**

The new Criminal Code has been adopted by the Act 100 of 2012, and entered into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013. The new Code adequately covers the crimes falling under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

The Government of Hungary gives its consent to the publication of the above-mentioned information on the United Nations website.

The Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.