

Fourth Forum on Minority Issues – 29-30 November 2011
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Thank you, Madame Chair.

The Delegation of Hungary is very grateful for the excellent work you and your team have done throughout the Fourth Forum on Minority Issues and for the preparatory documents, in particular the Draft recommendations on "Guaranteeing the rights of minority women" (A/HRC/FMI/2011/3). Still we are convinced that the following minor adjustments would further enhance the protection of rights of minority women and it is our hope that they are acceptable to all delegations.

At the end of point 24, we suggest to add the following language: „In areas where minorities predominantly live, knowledge of the minority language by public sector employees would be an asset.”

After point 48 we suggest to add a point 48bis: “To warrant equal opportunity for women belonging to national minorities, it is essential that they and their children be offered the opportunity, upon their request, to have access to education in their minority language, without impeding the high level acquisition of the official state language.”

Madam Chair, of course my delegation would be pleased to provide these suggestions in electronic format.

Thank you, Madame Chair.