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**Review of Uruguay**

**Statement of Ireland**

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Thank you, Mr. (Vice) President.

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Uruguay and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Uruguay's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle, particularly the adoption of law and policy to enhance the rights of women and LGBTI persons. We also commend Uruguay on the "A" status accreditation of its National Human Rights Institution in 2016.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to Uruguay:

1. Assign adequate resources for the effective implementation of measures contained in legislation on gender-based violence, such as Law 19.580, especially regarding provision of support services to victims; and implement and adequately fund nationwide strategies to raise awareness of the criminal nature of GBV;
2. Continue efforts to ensure that deprivation of liberty for juveniles is used as a measure of last resort only, and that use of pre-trial detention is minimised.

We wish Uruguay every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.