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**UPR OF ARGENTINA - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE
22 October 2012 : 1430 - 1800 hrs**

INTERVENTION BY INDIA

President,

India extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Argentina led by Mr. Martin Fresneda, Secretary for Human Rights and thanks them for their National Report and its presentation which reflects the commitment of the country to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism.

2. We take positive note of the laws passed between 2008 to 2012 ensuring civil, political, social and economic rights to its citizens.

3. We are encouraged by the innovative initiatives in the field of education and the creation of "Concutar Igualdad" and "Canal Encuentro" for facilitating and upgrading teaching and learning process.

4. India acknowledges the efforts made by Argentina for the promotion of women's rights, particularly, the Act No.26.485 of 2009 which provides for comprehensive protection, as a means of preventing and eradicating violence against women and of punishing the perpetrators of such violence. Nonetheless, it is equally important to bridge the gap between legislation and reality.

5. India commends Argentine for its efforts to improve the conditions in prisons. **India recommends Argentina to continue its efforts specifically with regard to over-crowding of prisons and prisons violence.**

6. We wish Argentina the very best in their endeavour to continuously improve human rights situation in their country.
