

17th Session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Uruguay

Statement by Amb. Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bhutan on 29th January 2014.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to extend a warm welcome to the high level delegation of Uruguay led by His Excellency| Mr. Homero Guerrero, Secretary of the Presidency to this session of the UPR Working Group and congratulate them for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We commend Uruguay for having implemented the recommendations received during its first review demonstrating its seriousness and commitment to improve the human rights development of its people and its engagement with the Human Rights mechanism.

We note the positive measures undertaken to enhance the protection and promotion of the rights of women and children through launching of the national strategies including the 'Action Plan on the National Strategy for Children and Adolescents 2010-2015' and the National Plan to eradicate the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents.

We also applaud Uruguay's significant progress in combating trafficking in persons, especially women, children and adolescents. In this regard we would like to recommend to the government of Uruguay, for consideration, to continue its efforts in raising awareness about the heinousness of this crime through comprehensive training programmes for social workers, law enforcement officials and the media.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of Uruguay a successful engagement in this review process.

I thank you Mr. President