



**Universal Periodic Review of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, 29 January 2014  
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the high level delegation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay to the UPR and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Estonia notes with appreciation that Uruguay has become a party to the core international human rights instruments and is fully cooperating with the UN special procedures and treaty bodies.

Uruguay has taken various positive steps to improve the human rights situation, including in the areas of women's rights – such as legislation on termination of pregnancies, and also in juvenile criminal justice, combatting sexual exploitation of children, domestic violence, human trafficking, indigenous peoples – such as the designation of 11 April as “Day of the Charrúa Nation and of Indigenous Identity”, and reduction of poverty. We encourage Uruguay to place further effort and to continue making progress in these fields.

We also acknowledge Uruguay's anti-discrimination efforts and call the Government to ensure the adoption and full implementation of the national action plan against racial discrimination.

Estonia further recognises Uruguay for its commitment to safeguarding freedom of expression, both offline and online. We also positively note that the children's rights and education issues are receiving growing attention in the country.

Estonia would like to make **the following recommendations** to the **Government of Uruguay**:

- 1) to take further measures in the fight against domestic violence, human trafficking and poverty, especially concerning women and children;
- 2) to raise the minimum age of marriage to 18 years for both sexes;
- 3) to take further structural measures to reduce the school dropout rate.

We would like to wish the delegation of Uruguay a successful review meeting.

Thank you.