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Mr President,

Finland welcomes the commitment by Uruguay to democracy, good governance and human rights, in particular the rights of the child. We acknowledge measures taken by the Government of Uruguay to protect children and adolescents from violence, sexual exploitation, child labour, trafficking and other ways of abuse, as defined in the "Action Plan on the National Strategy for Children and Adolescents 2010-2015".

Could you further elaborate on the treatment of juveniles in the justice system and the implementation of the five programmes belonging to the System of Adolescent Criminal Liability mentioned in your report?

Finland recommend

- 1) That Uruguay continues developing its juvenile justice system in terms of both legislation and practice. In particular, Uruguay should continue efforts to ensure that there are adequately trained professionals and adequate infrastructure for adolescents in conflict with the law. Deprivation of liberty should only be used as a measure of last resort and for as short periods as possible.

Thank you.