

Mr. President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Uruguay to the UPR.

Hungary takes positive note of the governments' measures to improve prison conditions in the country. We remain concerned, however, about prison overcrowding, poor prison infrastructure including inadequate sanitation, and the lack of access to healthcare. As a further step to address some of the above concerns, **Hungary recommends Uruguay to elaborate and apply alternative penalties to prison incarceration and take all necessary measures to decrease the excessive use of pre trial detention.**

Hungary appreciates the Governments efforts to address domestic violence in the country, which regrettably do not seem to have resulted in a decrease of the number of women affected by violence. Although we applaud that many government agencies have adopted protocols for action, my country is concerned about the lack of proper implementation of such protocols. **We recommend that Uruguay continue its efforts to eradicate domestic violence by putting in place mechanisms to survey the proper implementation of the protocols of action by government agencies and law enforcement officials and apply appropriate sanctions where such implementation is not in line with the prescribed rules.**

Mr. President, as regards human trafficking, Hungary recognizes the promising steps taken in the forms of awareness raising and training of social workers and public officials. Could the delegation elaborate on the comprehensive Act and National Plan to combat trafficking in persons it intends to adopt, more in particular as regards elements of prevention, protection, reparation, and criminalization of perpetrators and criminal networks.

Let me conclude, Mr. President, by expressing our deep appreciation for the devoted work by the Mission of Uruguay here in Geneva in highlighting the importance of prevention of serious human rights violations and of addressing cases of reprisals against those cooperating with the UN human rights system.

Thank you Mr. President.