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**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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**Mr. President,**

We thank the delegation of Uruguay and congratulate them for the well prepared and comprehensive national report. We welcome the progress made by the Government on different human rights fields since the first cycle of the UPR.

We appreciate the decision of the government to accede to the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education. We also commend the Government for strengthening its comprehensive social policies on children and adolescents, in particular, progress made in implementing key initiatives to address the increased vulnerability of child workers, street children and victims of child abuse.

**Mr. President,**

We would like to make the following recommendations to Uruguay:

- To adopt a national legislation to combat offenses related to racism and to provide redress for victims of racism and other forms of discrimination;
- To promote alternative penalties to prison and to draw up public policies to foster the rights of persons in prisons;

- To approve a comprehensive law on the fight against human trafficking especially for women;
- To implement a National Plan of action to fight against trafficking of women for sexual exploitation;
- To develop more plans to support women prisoners;
- To further strengthen the justice system, including adopting a specific law to criminalize sexual tourism.

**Thank you,**