

UPR 18 – Uruguay  
Intervention by Ireland  
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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Uruguay and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland appreciates the wide range of voluntary pledges made by Uruguay in its national report, including those regarding -strengthening the response system for gender-based violence to assist with its eradication. We note with concern continued reports of domestic violence, highlighted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Special Rapporteur on torture. Ireland therefore **recommends** that Uruguay endeavour, in line with its voluntary pledges, to combat gender-based violence by, inter alia, enforcing existing legislation, conducting public awareness campaigns, ensuring psychosocial support and access to shelters for victims, and monitoring rehabilitation of persons convicted.

While we take positive note of Uruguay's undertaking to pursue effective use of alternative measures to pre-trial detention in the particular case of children in conflict with the law, we share the concerns of the Human Rights Committee and the Special Rapporteur on Torture with respect to the prevalence of preventative and pre-trial detention in general. Therefore, Ireland **recommends** that Uruguay takes steps to reduce the incidence of preventative and pre-trial detention.