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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
at the 18th Session of WG of UPR / UPR of Uruguay**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Kazakhstan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Uruguay at the 18th session of the Working Group on UPR, thanks for the comprehensive introductory statement and for updating the Council on the current state of affairs pertaining to the promotion and protection of human rights.

In this regard Kazakhstan acknowledges the measures taken by the Government of Uruguay in enhancing the enjoyment of human rights by its population, especially, in the areas of children and women's rights, education and combating poverty.

It is worth mentioning that Uruguay has accessed to the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education and ratified the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We also positively note the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution.

To this end, our delegation calls on Uruguay to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and adherence to the principle of cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms. In particular, Kazakhstan delegation recommends:

1. To further fulfill the internationally taken obligations as well as joining new human rights international instruments.
2. To continue efforts on adopting the National Plan against Racism and Discrimination.
3. To continue taking measures on combating trafficking in persons.

Thank you!