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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E. Mr. Homero Guerrero, Minister to the Presidency for Human Rights, and the rest of the delegation from Uruguay to this UPR. Namibia takes note with appreciation the efforts exerted by the Government to lower the level of poverty in the country from 22.4% in 2008 to 12.4% in 2012. My delegation commends Uruguay for strengthening efforts to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking of children, and welcomes legislation enacted in this regard. Namibia further commends Uruguay for enacting the Comprehensive Protection for Persons with Disabilities Act of 2010.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Government of Uruguay:

1. Enact specific legislation to prohibit racism and racial discrimination.
2. Strengthen legal and policy frameworks and programmes for the promotion and the protection of the rights of people of African Descent, including through promoting the employment of people of African Descent in public administration and private enterprises, and promoting the integration of women of African descent into the labour market.
3. Strengthen coordination measures to address child labour.

I thank you Mr. President

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