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Brazil would like to welcome the delegation of Uruguay to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). We commend the Uruguayan delegation for their comprehensive national report.

Brazil notes with appreciation the steps taken by the Uruguayan authorities in order to promote racial equality, in particular the creation of a governmental branch dedicated to addressing ethnical and racial issues and to implementing crosscutting affirmative actions.

Brazil also welcomes the entry into force of the law which allows for same-sex marriage, a measure which consolidates Uruguay as a reference for the promotion and protection of the fundamental rights of LGBT persons.

Our delegation also notes with satisfaction that Uruguay was able to significantly reduce the rate of poverty and extreme poverty in the last years. We also value the important initiatives the country has been carrying out in the field of truth and memory, including the cooperation with Brazil through regional mechanisms. Important progress has been achieved, for instance, in the investigation of gross human rights violations during dictatorships in the region.

Along with these significant advances, more attention could be given to the protection of the rights of women and children.

Therefore, we recommend that the Uruguayan authorities reinforce policies already in place aimed at preventing and effectively responding to domestic violence against women, including the protection by the State of the displaced surviving victims.

Brazil also recommends the enhancement of initiatives designed to halt the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and adolescents in the country, particularly through the strengthening of its justice system and the adoption of appropriate legislation on the matter.