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Mr. President,

At the outset, we would like to extend a welcome to delegation of Uruguay and to thank Mr. Guerrero for presenting the outline of the national report.

Serbia commends the Government of Uruguay for implementing the recommendations from the first UPR cycle. Uruguay has an excellent record of cooperation with human rights mechanisms - reporting and responding to specific follow-ups of treaty bodies, as well with special procedures. We praise Uruguay for being the first state party which accepted the optional reporting procedure on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Given the findings of the UN Special Reporter on torture on overcrowding in prisons, we would like to suggest Uruguay to scrutinize institutional and judicial backgrounds of this phenomenon and take necessary measures and implement appropriate policies in order to alleviate this situation. In connection to this point, we can recommend further strengthening of the National preventive mechanism of the OP-CAT by ensuring its autonomy, allocating necessary resources and developing a plan for its effective implementation.

We would also like to recommend to the Uruguay authorities to consider eventual improvements of the alternative child care options in order to address the issues of the so called street children.