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UPR of URUGUAY

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Uruguay to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We welcome the progress made by Uruguay in the protection and promotion of human rights since the first cycle of its periodic review as well as its role in the promotion of rights of the child in international human rights fora.

The law passed in 2013 that decriminalizes abortions during the first trimester of pregnancy for any reason marks a significant development in realizing women's rights. However, concerns remain with regard to the high incidence of domestic violence as reported by several international institutions.

We would like to take this opportunity to **recommend** to the Government of Uruguay:

1. to step up its efforts to prevent domestic violence, including through enforcing existing legislation, continuing its awareness-raising campaigns, as well as through efficiently implementing, and where necessary, introducing new state programmes to protect the victims of domestic violence and to offer them psychological support and access to shelter;
2. to make permanent the "pilot" requirement to include persons of both sexes in each list of candidates as it will apply to the national and departmental elections of 2014-2015.

Thank you.