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Statement by Armenia

Thank you Mr President.

Armenia would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Uruguay and to thank for comprehensive presentation of their national report.

Peoples of Armenia and Uruguay are tied by long-lasting history of friendship and cooperation. We would like to appreciate Uruguay's state policy of tolerance and engagement towards national and religious minorities, particularly towards Armenian Diaspora in the country, which enjoys full support from the Government of Uruguay.

We also value adherence to the principles of the Government of Uruguay in matters of ascertaining the historical truth and fight against impunity.

We note with appreciation the positive changes and efforts undertaken by the Government of Uruguay to farther promote and protect human rights in the country.

In this regard, we highlight the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution supported by the UNDP and the OHCHR, the members of which have been appointed in May 2012.

We also welcome the efforts and state programmes undertaken in the field of education, aiming to enhance the range of educational programmes, to promote regular school attendance, and to ensure access to education.

Armenia recommends Uruguay:

1. to continue its efforts towards enhancing the access to secondary education, particularly for the students from rural areas,
2. to continue promoting the right of women, especially rural women and guarantee their equality in employment opportunities.