

Remarks by AZERBAIJAN

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Uruguay and thanks the esteemed Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Having studied the National report of Uruguay we note with interest the institutional and legal reforms undertaken by the Government in the promotion and protection of human rights. Uruguay is a party to the core human rights instruments and we congratulate Uruguay on fulfillment of its commitments on submission of reports to the United Nations treaty bodies.

However, we also note that some UN treaty bodies have expressed their concerns on existence of problems related to inequalities between men and women, the effective protection of women rights, especially double discrimination against women of African descent based on their ethnic origin and on their sex. In this regard, we recommend Uruguay to strengthen measures on combating discrimination against women and to eliminate stereotypes of Afro-descendant and indigenous people through awareness-raising campaigns.

Moreover, we recommend Uruguay to eliminate child marriages and to adopt 18 as a minimum age for marriage for both sexes.

In conclusion, Mr. President we recommend Uruguay to further improve human rights records in the country.

Thank you, Mr. President.