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**Bangladesh statement on Universal Periodic Review of Uruguay**

Bangladesh welcomes the delegation of Uruguay. We value the Uruguay delegation's efforts in the Human Rights Council.

We are happy to note some commendable progress made in institutional building and health sector. We commend in particular the establishment of the Comprehensive National Health System; the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution and the adoption of Act No. 18.651 (2010) on Comprehensive Protection for Persons with Disabilities.

However, we regret that there are many areas in particular in education sector and in the promotion and protection of women that needs further attention. We express concern at the persistent incidents of racial discrimination. In view of the above, we recommend that Uruguay government:

1. Strengthens efforts to implement 2008 law on education and the reduction of school dropout rates of children of African descent and indigenous origin.
2. Strengthens the National Women's Institute through greater prominence and adequate resources.
3. Criminalize the dissemination of theories of racial superiority or inferiority and prohibit organizations which promote and incite racial discrimination. and
4. Ensure the protection of and right to family life on the premise that family is the natural and fundamental group of society based upon the stable relationship between a man and a woman.