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Gracias, Sr. Presidente.

Damos la bienvenida a la distinguida delegación del Paraguay y le agradecemos la presentación de su informe nacional.

Italia se congratula con Paraguay por los progresos realizados y las medidas tomadas desde el primer ciclo del EPU para reforzar la protección y promoción de los derechos humanos. Apreciamos en particular la prioridad asignada a la lucha contra la extrema pobreza y a los derechos de la mujer. La creación del Ministerio de la Mujer nos parece una indicación muy clara de la voluntad de las autoridades de avanzar aun más en este asunto.

We would like to offer Paraguay the following **recommendations**:

1. Strengthen efforts to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence and sexual abuse, and effectively implement the legislation recently adopted in this field.
2. Review existing legislation and programs to prevent and eradicate violence and sexual exploitation against children and adolescents, to ensure they meet international best practices.
3. Consider adopting new specific legislation to strengthen measures aimed at prosecuting offenders and increasing support to victims of sexual violence and abuse and promote awareness raising-campaigns and educational programs, notably in schools.
4. Take effective measures to thoroughly investigate all allegations of ill-treatment of detainees, of abuse of force by police and military forces and of attacks against journalists and human rights defenders, so to ensure that all those responsible are brought to justice.

Thank you.

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