

UPR of Paraguay
Statement by the Republic of Poland

Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Paraguay for the presentation of the national report and participation in the second cycle of the UPR process.

We acknowledge the efforts undertaken by Paraguay in the last years to adopt the international human rights standards. Polish delegation notes with appreciation some changes made by Paraguay in the field of constitutional and legislative framework such as the implementation of provisions prohibiting the sale of children, child pornography and child commercial sexual exploitation. We also appreciate the activities in the field of right to health including establishment of a universal accessible health-care services.

Nevertheless, there is still a space for further improvement not only in the protection of the children's rights or the right to health, but also in many other areas of human rights.

In this respect, Poland would like to make to Paraguay the following recommendations:

- **to introduce a law explicitly prohibiting corporal punishment of children in all settings;**
- **to ensure the issuance of birth certificates to all children born on its territory, regardless of the status of their parents;**
- **to recommend that Paraguay engages a civil society in the follow-up implementation process of the UPR recommendations.**

Thank you, Mr President.