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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Paraguay to the 24th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We have noted with appreciation that Paraguay has made efforts towards the implementation of recommendations accepted during its first cycle review. However, South Africa is concerned that the adoption and implementation of an anti-discrimination law that adheres to international human rights standards, in line with commitments made during the previous review, including provisions guaranteeing non-discrimination and the prevention and punishment of discrimination and the prevention and punishment of discrimination on all grounds, including sexual orientation and gender identity is yet to be adopted.

In this context, South Africa would like to recommend that Paraguay should:

1. To appoint an Ombudsman and ensure that the institution complies fully with the Paris Principles;
2. Make the declaration provided for in article 14 of the ICERD;
3. Ratify the Convention against Discrimination in Education; and
4. The adoption of a law prohibiting all forms of discrimination, including sexual orientation and gender identity.

Finally, Mr. President, my delegation wishes Paraguay success in their second review.

I thank you.