**Statement**

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***بسم الله الرحمن الرحیم***

**Thank you Mr. Vice President;**

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the high level delegation of Uruguay to this UPR session.

My delegation expresses its concern regarding the continuous discrimination and perpetuation of stereotypes against Indigenous peoples in Uruguay.

We also express concern that Uruguay's efforts and policies towards realizing the economic, social, and cultural rights of its citizens have not been effectively addressing poverty eradication, elimination various forms of discrimination, and the provision of fundamental social services such as public access to education, healthcare, and housing.

Iran offers the following recommendations to **Uruguay:**

1. Implement effective measures to prevent racial profiling, ill-treatment, torture, and the excessive use of force by law enforcement officials.

2. Take concrete steps to combat hate speech and the dissemination of negative stereotypes in the media.

3. Ensure the protection the rights of all persons with disabilities, with a particular focus on women and children with disabilities.

4. Guarantee equal rights and opportunities for accessing public mental health services for all citizens in need.

The Islamic Republic of Iran wishes **Uruguay** a successful review.

**I thank you Mr. Vice President**