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**Statement of Ireland**

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Ireland thanks Uruguay for its presentation.

Ireland acknowledges Uruguay’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle, including through the ratification of the Escazú Agreement and adoption of the Illicit Acts Reparation Law in 2023.

However, Ireland notes with concern the restrictions on freedom of expression of journalists stemming from the new amendments to the LUC, and urges Uruguay to apply the Law in conformity with articles 19, 21 and 22 of the ICCPR.

Ireland recommends Uruguay:

1. Allocate the necessary financial, technical and human resources required for the prevention of gender-based violence, the punishment of perpetrators, and the provision of reparations to victims;
2. Amend the definition of torture in Act No. 18026 in order to meet international standards in accordance with article 1 of the CAT, and criminalise torture in all situations.
3. Develop an efficient mechanism for reporting acts of torture and ill-treatment.

We wish Uruguay every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.