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Mr President,

New Zealand warmly welcomes the delegation from Uruguay.

We congratulate Uruguay on the adoption of its first National Human Rights Plan 2023-2027, which provides a roadmap to operationalise and institutionalise the country’s human rights policy.

New Zealand **recommends** that Uruguay,

1. Build on current efforts to end sexual and gender-based violence, including through the Plan of Action for a Life Free from Gender-Based Violence against Women, and initiatives to counter digital violence against women;
2. Guarantee women’s absolute access to sexual and reproductive health services, in particular by working to remove barriers to accessing safe and legal abortion throughout the country; and
3. Continue measures to improve prison conditions, including public health coverage, mental health care, formal and non-formal education, and rehabilitation, in line with the Nelson Mandela Rules.

We thank the delegation for their participation today and wish them a successful review.

Thank you, Mr President.