

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia commends Uruguay for its commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia welcomes the establishment of the national preventive mechanism against torture under the National Human Rights Institution and Office of the Ombudsperson.

While we acknowledges the important steps in combating violence against women, namely the adoption of the Law and the establishment of the Observatory for Gender-Based Violence against Women, we remain concerned about the high rates of femicide in the country.Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Uruguay to strengthen its effort to prevent, combat and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence.

We note the Independent Expert on older persons' observation on the tendency to underreport cases of violence against and abuse involving older persons.

We also note that the prison system continues to suffer from high density of overcrowding.

Thank you.