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**Intervention by Ukraine**

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**Mr. Vice President,**

Ukraine extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Uruguay, led by Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Omar Paganini and expresses gratitude for the presentation of the National report.

We commend Uruguay for the progress made in implementing the recommendations it committed to during the last review and its engagement with the UN special procedures mandate holders.

Ukraine particularly appreciates the adoption of the First National Human Rights Plan in 2023 and implementation of the Plan of Action for a Life Free from Gender-based Violence against Women and Second National Plan to Prevent and Combat the Trafficking and Exploitation of Persons.

 In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Ukraine offers the following recommendations:

* To ensure effective access to justice for child victims of violence by strengthening the justice system and the institution of public defenders;
* To effectively implement comprehensive legislation for the prevention and attention to discrimination against women, including measures to narrow the wage gap between men and women;
* To further strengthen the National Institute for Older Persons and develop a comprehensive long-term care policy for older persons.

We wish the delegation of Uruguay a successful review.

**Thank you.**