

**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu
at Uruguay’s Review, 46th Session of the UPR,**

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Mister President,

Vanuatu welcomes the delegation of Uruguay and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Vanuatu acknowledges Uruguay commendable efforts in strengthening their national mechanism for the prevention of torture.

Vanuatu encourages Uruguay to advance in the implementation of the First National Human Rights Plan, aiming to enhance the comprehensive integration of the human rights perspective across all sectors of public policy.

In a constructive spirit, Vanuatu recommends Uruguay to prioritize environmental protection and sustainability by effectively implementing the Escazù Agreement.

Strengthening public participation and access to information to environmental decision-making process, will contribute to fostering transparency and accountability, ultimately leading to better environmental governance and conservation efforts.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of Uruguay a successful UPR.

I thank you.