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**Statement by India**

**Mr. President,**

India thanks the delegation of Argentina for presentation of its National Report.

2.      We welcome Argentina’s efforts towards domestication of UN Conventions and implementation of recommendations made during the Second Cycle of its UPR. We commend the progress made by Argentina in recognizing differences in the society and respecting the rights of the vulnerable groups with a view to ensuring equality for all.

3.      We note the efforts aimed at eradicating poverty and promoting equality through various initiatives, including National Social Security Administration that, inter alia, provides for a family allowance regime and universal pension.  We have also taken note of reports of violence and arbitrary action by security forces against socially disadvantaged people, especially youth and children.

4.      We would like to make the following **four recommendations:**

(i)     To take measures to eliminate discrimination against indigenous people and ensure their easy access to justice and the right to property;

(ii)     To ensure effective implementation of plans and strategies to curb gender-based violence and implement pending legislations to provide legal access to reproductive health services;

(iii) To strengthen measures to ensure access to free birth registration of children, in particular of indigenous children; and

(iv) To take adequate and credible measures to put an end to incidents of arbitrary detention in line with the international law.

5.      We wish the delegation of Argentina all success in its future endeavors.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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