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**UPR of the Republic of Paraguay**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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Madam President,

Poland thanks the delegation of Paraguay for the presentation of its third national report. We acknowledge Paraguay’s activities undertaken to comply with recommendations accepted during the second cycle of the UPR and involvement of civil society in the process.

Poland recommends Paraguay to:

**introduce a comprehensive anti-discrimination legal framework and tackle persistent discrimination of women, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities;**

**accede to the Convention against Discrimination in Education;**

**reduce overcrowding in prisons and enhance living conditions in detention centers and establishments for persons with mental disabilities.**

**Moreover, we wish to reiterate our previous recommendation on ensuring effective procedures of issuance of birth certificates to all newborn children in Paraguay, regardless of the legal status of their parents.**

Poland acknowledges determination of Paraguay to further enhance free access to healthcare and introduce essential programmes on mother and childcare, vaccination and mental health.

We recognize the importance of the National Plan of Action for the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Finally we welcome the already undertaken efforts to fight the corruption in public sphere and we strongly advocate for further developments in this area. Thank you.