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**UPR of Argentina**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Monday, 23 January 2023, 14:30-18:00*

*Ms./Mr. President,*

delegation of Poland wishes to thank Argentina for presentation of its national report. We acknowledge activities undertaken by the Argentine government in order to implement recommendations accepted during the previous cycle of UPR.

In this respect, as per agreed practice, Poland would like to:

* recommend Argentina to take all necessary measures to implement an effective strict policy of zero tolerance, in particular at the a local level, for any form of police brutality and other excessive use of force, especially in the context of demonstrations and freedom of assembly;
* recommend Argentina to ensure dignified conditions in remaining centres for children with behavioural or social difficulties, and thoroughly investigate any allegations of abuse or ill-treatment committed in those centres;
* recommend Argentina to strengthen efforts to eradicate the root causes of infant mortality
* recommend Argentina to continue efforts to improve standard of living by adopting and implementing a comprehensive, long-term poverty reduction strategy with specific, measurable targets and a human rights approach;
* recommend Argentina to intensify works on a draft general framework law on disability, with a view to the continuing harmonization of domestic legislation with international human rights treaties.

Poland would like to use this opportunity and express appreciation for the efforts aimed at improving social conditions, in particular extending the “Alimentar” food programme in 2021 to children up to the age of 14 years.

We also welcome the idea of promoting the establishment of local mechanisms for the prevention of torture in the provinces of Argentina where none has been established.

While highly commending steady progress in judicial proceedings for the prosecution of those responsible for crimes against humanity during the last military dictatorship we hope that the process of truth, accountability and redress will be completed soon.

*Thank you.*