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**Recommendations by Canada for Uruguay’s UPR**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada notes Uruguay’s strong record of human rights and its promotion of human rights internationally. However, we note that some challenges remain.

Canada recommends that Uruguay:

1. Ensure that the Comprehensive Act to Guarantee Women a Life Free of Gender-Based Violence, approved in 2017, is implemented to the full scope of the law, with sufficient resources for its broad application.
2. Improve prison conditions, particularly for young offenders, by reducing prison overcrowding and the use of pre-trial detention, including through measures such as conditional release.
3. Ensure that children and youth with physical and learning disabilities have access to education.

Canada encourages Uruguay to convene the National Advisory Council for a Life Free of Gender Violence against Women and the Observatory for Monitoring and Evaluation created by Law 19,580.

We are pleased that the *Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos (INDDHH)* participated in the submissions to the working group and that it continues to fulfill its mandate with integrity.