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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 23 January 2019**

Thank you, Mr President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay for the presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands commends Uruguay for its positive legislative developments, in particular the Comprehensive Law against Gender-Based Violence.

Furthermore, we compliment Uruguay on its continued commitment to promoting rights for LGBTI persons. Now it is of paramount importance that Uruguay builds on this momentum to advance gender and SOGI issues, including through the successful implementation of SRHR policies.

Therefore, The Netherlands **recommends** Uruguay:

1. To ensure that women can exercise their legal right to access abortion and post-abortion services in all regions of the country, by effectively regulating medical professionals’ right to conscientious objection.
2. To align comprehensive sexual education programmes with international standards, taking into account key SRHR and SOGI issues, and ensuring the consistent implementation of these programmes across the educational system.

The Netherlands wishes Uruguay success with the follow-up of all recommendations it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr President.