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**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Uruguay and thanks for the presentation of the report.

We welcome Uruguay’s accession and ratification to universal and inter-American instruments on the promotion and protection of human rights and the developments in its national legislation. We particularly commend the fact that the National Human Rights Institution and Ombudsman’s Office obtained its ‘A’ status accreditation in May.

Several treaty bodies noted the legislative progress related to the rights of LGBT persons. We call Uruguay to step up its efforts to combat discrimination against such persons, protect them, investigate all acts of violence motivated by the sexual orientation or gender identity of the victims and prosecute and punish the perpetrators.

Montenegro recommends the following:

1. introducing age appropriate education on sexual and reproductive health to prevent early pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections;
2. to bring its criminal legislation into compliance with the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

Thank you.