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**Review of Uruguay**

**Statement by Mr Roberto Pace**

**First Secretary**

Thank you, Mr Vice-President.

Malta welcomes the delegation of Uruguay and thanks it for the presentation of its national report. We commend the Government of Uruguay for the steps it has taken to address discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, most notably the comprehensive act on transgender persons and the government’s efforts to ensure more gender equality in the country.

In this context, Malta would like to recommend to the Government of Uruguay the following:

1. Continue efforts aimed at addressing gender-based violence and discrimination against vulnerable groups including LGBTI persons.

We wish the delegation of Uruguay a successful review.

I thank you.