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**Permanent Mission of Guyana**

**Third Cycle of the UPR: Presentation of Report by Uruguay**

**January 23, 2019, Palais des Nations**

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Guyana, I would like to welcome the delegation from Uruguay to Geneva and to thank them for the constructive Report presented to this UPR.

We take this opportunity to commend the Government of Uruguay for its efforts at implementation of many recommendations from its last UPR, in particular those related to accession and ratification of international treaties on human rights promotion and protection.

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend strengthened efforts at implementation of human rights related legislation.
2. We recommend greater efforts at tackling all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.
3. We also recommend strengthened efforts, including comprehensive legislation, at tackling trafficking in persons, in particular women and girls, for sexual and labour exploitation.
4. We recommend strengthening efforts at addressing youth unemployment, and in particular, among persons with disabilities.

We thank the Government of Uruguay for their cooperation and we wish them success in this UPR.