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**Mr. President;**

My delegation thanks Costa Rica for presenting its national report to this session.

My delegation would like to highlight two issues. First, the detention centers catered only for the needs of the majority prison population, namely adult males, should be adapted to the needs of minors, adolescents and women as well.

Secondly, lack of a comprehensive legal framework to combat all forms of discrimination, including those against minorities and indigenous people hampers realization of human rights, is a matter of concern.

My delegation makes the following recommendations to Costa Rica:

1. Adopt bill No. 19.288 on the prevention, eradication and punishment of racism and all forms of discrimination;

2.Take all legal measures that, the National Council on Children and Adolescents enhances planning, evaluation and monitoring;

3. Reinforce those public policies related to children within the framework of the National Evaluation System.

**I thank you, Mr. President**