



Statement by
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Señor Presidente,

Eslovenia quiere agradecer a la delegación de Uruguay por su presentación.

Queremos ofrecer las siguientes recomendaciones:

1. Intensificar aún más los esfuerzos por prevenir la violencia de género y particularmente la violencia doméstica contra la mujer, enjuiciar los actos de violencia de género y ampliar las campañas de concienciación pública.
2. Integrar el enfoque basado en los derechos para la protección del medio ambiente en la elaboración y la aplicación del Plan Nacional Ambiental, incluyendo la consulta previa con los pueblos indígenas.

Notamos con satisfacción varios avances en el marco legislativo de derechos humanos en Uruguay. No obstante, queremos destacar la importancia de plena implementación de leyes para garantizar el disfrute de los derechos humanos.

Estamos particularmente preocupados por la prevalencia de la violencia de género[, persistentes altas tasas de asesinatos de mujeres por motivos de género y las dificultades que enfrentan muchas mujeres víctimas de violencia para acceder a la justicia]. Además, instamos a Uruguay a elevar a 18 años la edad permitida para contraer matrimonio.

Eslovenia acoge con satisfacción la firma del Acuerdo de Escazú. Adicionalmente, valoramos el liderazgo de Uruguay en el área de mecanismos nacionales de presentación de informes y seguimiento.

Gracias.

Mr President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Uruguay for its report and the presentation.

We note with appreciation progress made in the legislative framework in the area of human rights in Uruguay. However, we would like to underline the importance of full implementation of this framework for ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights.

We are particularly concerned about the prevalence of gender-based violence, persistent high rates of gender-based killings of women and the difficulties women victims of violence face in access to justice. Furthermore, we urge Uruguay to raise the minimum age for marriage to 18 years.

Slovenia welcomes the signing of the Escazú agreement. Additionally, we value the leadership of Uruguay in the area of national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up.

We would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Further intensify efforts to prevent gender-based violence and particularly domestic violence against women, prosecute gender-based violence and broaden awareness-raising campaigns.
2. Integrate a human rights based approach to the protection of the environment in the elaboration and the implementation of the National Environmental Plan, including the prior consultation with indigenous peoples.

Thank you.

Advance questions:

- What concrete steps have been taken to implement recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child addressing high rates of violence against children, including the one on implementation of laws prohibiting corporal punishment?
- What has been done to address the CEDAW observation 36b on access to legal abortion and post-abortion services and the issue of abusive use of the right to conscientious objection to performing an abortion?