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Thank you, Mr President, distinguished members of the delegation,

We appreciate Chile's constructive engagement in the UPR process, and the clear written responses to the recommendations raised.

We particularly welcome Chile's acceptance of recommendations 27, 28 and 29, dealing with equality and non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, pursuant to which Chile has agreed to strengthen measures to counter discriminatory attitudes in society, implement public education, and equality initiatives to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, prohibit by law discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity and follow the *Yogyakarta Principles on the application of international human rights law in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity* as a guide to assist policy development.

These are very positive initiatives which will strengthen Chile's leadership in this area. We would appreciate hearing more about how Chile plans to implement these commitments, in partnership with civil society.

We do express regret that Chile rejected two recommendations dealing with access to safe therapeutic abortion, and note that these recommendations addressed efforts to ensure that Chile's laws are in conformity with its international human rights obligations, particularly in cases of "rape, incest and situations where the life of the mother is at risk". It is particularly unfortunate that these recommendations were rejected at the Working Group stage, thus limiting the ability of Chilean civil society to engage with their government on how best to address these recommendations.

We appreciate the government's positive response to most recommendations, and we would encourage the government to fully involve Chilean civil society in follow-up discussion of all recommendations raised during the working group.