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Uruguay UPR Outcome
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Statement submitted by Action Canada for Population and Development**

Thank you, Mr. President.

I deliver this statement on behalf of Colectivo Ovejas Negras and Sexual Rights Initiative.

We welcome the state's acceptance of recommendations aimed at the prevention, investigation, accountability, and remedy for the victims of homophobia and transphobia, as well as the state's rejection of recommendation 124.1, in line with the recognition of LGBT families among the various forms of families.

We also welcome the acceptance of several recommendations on the implementation of a National Plan Against Discrimination. The government claims that this process is ongoing. However, civil society has not yet been informed, consulted nor engaged meaningfully in this process.

While accepted recommendation 123.65 pertains to comprehensive sexual education and sensitization of health personnel on SOGI, educators must also be sensitized and trained to deal with violence and discrimination against LGBTI persons in the education system.

On the issue of violence against LGBTI people in Uruguay, we reiterate our recommendation to incorporate the SOGI perspective in police procedures and investigation. Crime statistics still fail to account for violence based on SOGI.

Widespread transphobia and unresolved murders against transgender people must be addressed. An administrative process must be adopted for name and sex change in IDs, instead of the current judicial process. Sex reassignment treatments must be made available and accessible in public and private healthcare institutions.

The Commission against Discrimination must be legally enabled to impose penalties on perpetrators or call for conciliation with the victims. Likewise, an adequate budget must be allocated to it. Public institutions must be mandated to monitor the enforcement of antidiscrimination laws and the respect of LGBTI rights within their respective areas.

Finally, discrimination based on SOGI in the media must be legally guaranteed through penalties and remedial measures.

Thank you.