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Excellency,

In our capacity as Chair and Rapporteur for Follow up to Concluding Observations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights respectively, we have the honour to refer to the examination of the fifth periodic report of Uruguay at the Committee's sixty-first session held in June 2017. In the concluding observations (E/C.12/URY/CO/5), the Committee requested Uruguay to provide, within 18 months, written information on the steps undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 16 (c), 20 (b) and 54 (a) of the concluding observations.

The Committee welcomes the follow-up report (E/C.12/URY/CO/5/Add.1) received in December 2018 under its follow-up procedure. The Committee examined the report at its sixty-fifth session, held in March 2019, and wishes to communicate the following assessment:

**Paragraph 16 (c):** Sufficient progress. Law N° 19.580 1 “Violencia basada en género hacia las mujeres” was passed. The definition of discrimination and other provisions appears to align with international standards and practices. An additional Law N° 19.580 that creates the Observatorio sobre Violencia Basada en Género hacia las Mujeres was also passed. The Plan de Acción 2016-2019 has been revitalized. Significant action has thus been taken in response to this recommendation. According to information received, additional financial and human resources would be necessary to achieve the ambitious objectives approved. The State party is requested to provide information on further steps taken to ensure the effective implementation of this recommendation in the context of its next periodic report.

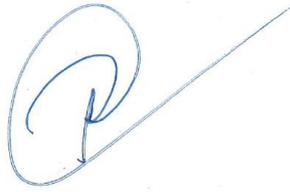
**Paragraph 20 (b):** Sufficient progress. On the 29th October 2018 Law No. 19.691 to foster the labour participation of people with disabilities in the private sector was passed. The objectives, requirements and means approved by the Law represents significant action in response to the Committee's concerns and recommendations.

**Paragraph 54 (a):** Sufficient progress. In August 2017, a new Law on Mental Health (Ley 19.529 6) entered into force demonstrating significant action in response to this recommendation. The Committee takes note of the information received according to which some provisions of the law could have complied in a more suitable manner

with the best international standards and practices, and remains concerns regarding whether sufficient human and financial resources have been allocated for the implementation of the Law. The State party is requested to provide information on further steps taken to ensure the effective implementation of this Law, including budgetary measures, in the context of its next periodic report.

The Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of the Uruguay, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Covenant.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.



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