“Joining hands together, we can build up a world where all children, without discrimination of any kind, are protected by effective legislation and enjoy human rights in a violence free environment”.
-Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Violence against Children

In the context of the 15th session of the UPR Working group the Permanent Missions of Finland, Tunisia and Uruguay cordially invite you to join a panel discussion on:

**ENDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN**

Global progress to end corporal punishment of children

22 JANUARY AT 13:00 -14:30, PALAIS DES NATIONS (Room XXII)

During the first cycle of the UPR and the early sessions of the second cycle, corporal punishment has been raised in the examination of many states, and more than 80 have accepted recommendations to prohibit it. Globally, 33 states have achieved prohibition in all settings of children’s lives including the home. A large majority of states - 117 - have banned school corporal punishment.

The side event will review global progress, consider challenges and debate how to achieve universal prohibition and elimination to fulfill children’s rights to full respect for their human dignity and physical integrity and to equal protection under the law.

There will be brief presentations by an expert panel followed by an interactive discussion.
Panellists:

LAURA DUPUY LASSERRE, Permanent Representative of Uruguay (moderator)
KYUNG-WHA KANG, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
PAULO SÉRGIO PINHEIRO, Independent Expert of the UNSG’s Study on violence against children
MARTA SANTOS PAIS, UNSR on Violence against children (Video message)
JEAN ZERMATTEN, Committee on the Rights of the Child
JEAN CLAUDE LEGRAND, Senior Regional Advisor on Child Protection at the UNICEF Central and Eastern Europe Regional Office
PETER NEWELL, Coordinator Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment

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Sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

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