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## DECLARATION FOR CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE IN URUGUAY

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In the year of the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, we, the presidential candidates from the political parties represented at the Uruguayan Parliament, José Mujica ("Frente Amplio"), Pedro Bordaberry ("Partido Colorado"), Pablo Mieres ("Partido Independiente"), and Luis Alberto Lacalle ("Partido Nacional"), hereby undertake the commitment of promoting the wellbeing of children and adolescents, in order to ensure their full development and to eradicate all the situations which may hinder the fulfilment of their rights.

Therefore, the undersigned fully endorse the international commitments assumed by Uruguay. We engage ourselves to make our outmost efforts and dedicate the maximum possible resources to the effective fulfilment of children's rights, as a fundamental pillar for the development of the country. We are convinced that a society that protects its children, invests in their nutrition, their health and education, is laying the foundations for its sustainable development.

While we recognize the advances made by the consecutive national and provincial governments, civil society, and the private sector to guarantee the fulfilment of the rights of children and adolescents, we are aware that still there is much work to do.

Within this framework, in the year 2008 a National Strategy for Childhood and Adolescence started to be developed by national Government bodies related to childhood, provincial governments, political parties, civil society organizations and the private sector, among other stakeholders. This initiative seeks to identify common objectives and goals to be achieved by 2030, which may be used as a basis to progress in the creation of long-term policies, plans and programmes.

By means of this Declaration, we make a commitment to adopt the legislative, juridical, administrative and financial measures required to continue the strengthening of policies aimed at childhood.

We are determined to pursue the widest consensus to definitely overcome any impediments to the full enjoyment of human rights of many of the children and adolescents of Uruguay.

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