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Second periodic reports submitted by States parties
under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Addendum
URUGUAY* **

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* The initial report submitted by the Government of Uruguay concerning rights covered by articles 6 to 15 of the Covenant (E/1990/5/Add.7) was considered by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its tenth session (see E/C.12/1994/SR.3, 4, 6 and 13).

** The information submitted in accordance with the guidelines concerning the initial part of reports of States parties is contained in the core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.9).

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278. Science and technology. In 1988, the universities established the Central Programme for Scientific and Technological Research and Artistic Activities, which included seven research projects in the following areas:

- (a) Multidisciplinary and support projects;
- (b) Basic sciences;
- (c) Health sciences;
- (d) Agricultural science and technology;
- (e) Industrial and service technology;
- (f) Social sciences;
- (g) The humanities and art.

279. The programme is supplemented by postgraduate courses in a number of subjects, including master's degrees in development and planning, public administration and accountancy, a postgraduate course in engineering, a wider range of master's degrees and doctorates in chemistry, postgraduate courses in nuclear technology, and the establishment of the Social Science Research and Postgraduate Centre.

280. This new impetus for science is completed by a special programme to train researches, with financial support from OAS and IDB; this programme has made it possible successfully to pursue projects in the fields of biotechnology and its industrial applications, the development of technologies to produce seeds for forestry, the use of non-conventional energy sources, statistical research in the social and

commercial fields and studies of the impact of binational public works such as the Colonia-Buenos Aires bridge, which will link Uruguay to the capital of Argentina.

281. Since 1985, one of the main concerns of the university Authorities, as part of a general policy to open up the university to its environment, has been to develop closer links with the productive sector in order to help solve scientific and technological problems of national interest, instilling into academic life a constant concern to integrate the university into the surrounding world and actively to participate in identifying and discussing the latter's problems. With this end in mind, an office has been established to channel agreements and conventions with public and private bodies. We may cite as examples the university internships for persons employed in industry and agreements with institutions such as CONAPROLE. 67/

282. Regarding the development of technical and scientific research, since 1994 an annual amount of US\$ 500,000 has been earmarked within the State budget as a contribution to priority research projects.