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Sr. Juan Carlos Salazar
Secretary General
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Ref: Note STU No. 002/2024 – Follow up on the USE OF NATIONALITY/CITIZENSHIP CODE IN PASSPORTS

Dear Secretary General,

On behalf of Somos Todos Uruguayos, we would like to request an update on the issue of Uruguayan passports after the FOURTH MEETING OF THE TAG/TRIP which took place between 11 and 13 October, 2023, in particular, regarding the use of the Nationality/Citizenship field of biometric passports (TAG/TRIP/4, Flimsy No. 02, 10/12/2023).

According to what was discussed in the aforementioned meeting by the members of the technical working group, the proposals considered included updating the Spanish version of Doc 9303-03, so that the "citizenship" field would be literally translated as "ciudadanía" instead of "nacionalidad" how it currently states. Other suggestions referred to reclassifying the "Nationality" field as "Nationality/Citizenship", considering the existing synonymy between both terms, which is accepted in international law.

There was no doubt that the common passports of legal Uruguayan citizens continue to be issued with one of the two most common errors, which is described in Doc 9303-03, Section 7.1. This type of error continues to cause disruption and great difficulties for its bearers, particularly when carrying out immigration procedures at the ports of entry of other countries.

We would also like to encourage clear and high-level communication with the relevant Uruguayan authorities to ensure the solution to the issue with Uruguayan passports is clearly understood, and the ICAO guidance allows for citizenship to be placed in relevant field, irrespective of domestic definitions of nationality.

Without further ado, yours truly,

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