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Madame President,

Let me start by extending a warm welcome to the delegation of Peru and by thanking HE Dr. Henry José Herrera, the Vice-Minister for Human Rights and Access to Justice, for the presentation of the National Report.

Portugal commends the progress in the promotion and protection of human rights, reflected in the recent ratification of human rights instruments and the strengthening of national human rights mechanisms and structural reforms.

Madame President,

We welcome the fact that corporal punishment of children is unlawful in schools, however it is still not prohibited in the home, penal institutions and care settings. We understand that a Bill is currently under consideration and in this regard we would kindly request further information regarding the state of play of this process. Furthermore, we would like to recommend that this Bill explicitly prohibits all forms of corporal punishment in all settings, and is enacted as a matter of priority.

As to what regards the human rights of women, Portugal would like to recommend to Peru the adoption of the WHO Strategic Approach to strengthen sexual and reproductive health policies and programmes and to ensure the promotion and protection of the reproductive rights of women are in agreement with international standards.

I thank you Madame President