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**Chile**

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of Chile and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national UPR report.

Portugal strongly welcomes the extension of a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council as well as the creation, in 2009, of the National Human Rights Institute, as an autonomous body under public law, which received in 2012 "A" status under the Paris Principles. We recommend its full use as a fundamental piece of the comprehensive strategy for the protection of Human Rights.

In the context of the 2010 strategy for the Education sector, Portugal would like to recommend that Chile particularly addresses the question of inequality in the access to education, as a core aspect of the realization of the right to education.

In closing, Portugal welcomes the ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC. We also welcome the signature of the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. We recommend that Chile proceeds with the ratification of these two instruments.

Thank you Mr President.