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Yemen

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the delegation of Yemen and thanks the delegation for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal notes the efforts made by Yemeni Government in the area of better promoting and protecting human rights, especially in the framework of national reconciliation and institution and capacity building. We are nonetheless concerned that significant challenges must still be addressed and as such Portugal recommends the following:

- 1 – accelerate the nomination of members of the National Committee of Inquiry, as well as of the Reconciliation, Land and Public Administration Committees;
- 2 – actively promote and ensure marginalized and vulnerable groups are effectively and meaningfully involved in the national reconciliation process, and
- 3 – implement a moratorium on the use of the capital punishment.

In closing, Portugal would like to recommend that Yemen sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

Thank you Mr President.