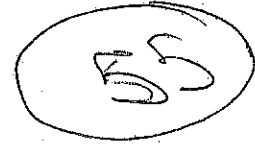




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Albania

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Albania and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal strongly welcomes the fact that since the Albania's last review, the Government has extended a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Portugal welcomes the 2013 amendment to the Criminal Code, widening the protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and recommends that Albania continues to take steps to fully implement the Law on Protection from Discrimination in relation to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Portugal remains concerned about the prevailing violence against children in Albania, including trafficking and sexual abuse and recommends that Albania take further measures to address this issue.

Concerning the right to education, Portugal recommends that Albania take measures to effectively address the high dropout rates from school, especially of girls in primary education.

Finally, we recommend that Albania ratifies the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR.

Thank you Mr President.

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