

Statement by Mr. Nuno Gabriel Cabral
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Costa Rica

Mr. President,

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

Portugal welcomes the establishment by Costa Rica of an Interagency Commission for the Follow-Up and Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations and the measures adopted by the authorities of Costa Rica to protect persons who suffered from persecution in their countries of origin due to their sexual orientation.

Portugal remains concerned about some shortcomings regarding the full fruition by children of their human rights and recommends that Costa Rica take further measures to address this issue, notably in what regards the juvenile justice system and cases of child labour.

In line with the recommendation we offered to Costa Rica in 2009, Portugal welcomes the measures taken for the prevention of school drop-out and low attendance of schools. We recommend that Costa Rica continues to take effective measures to address this very important dimension of the realization of the right to education for all.

We also recommend that Costa Rica ratifies the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Thank you Mr President.