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Statement by Mr. Nuno Gabriel Cabral
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Nicaragua

Madam
Mr. President,

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

Portugal welcomes the measures taken by Nicaragua to fulfill the human right to education, including at the levels of pre-school, adult education and for the establishment of an intercultural system of education and recommends that Nicaragua takes further measures to ensure their effective implementation. In particular, we recommend Nicaragua to address the questions of pre-school coverage, drop-out rates, as well as violence and discrimination at schools.

We also remain concerned about the high percentage of children with disabilities that were excluded from the school system and we recommend that the Government ensure that the education system is fully equipped to implement an inclusive education policy.

We recommend that Nicaragua ratifies the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR, the Optional Protocol to CEDAW and the Optional Protocol to Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure.

In closing, we recommend the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you Mr. President.