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Mr. President,

While thanking the delegation of Portugal for the presentation of its national report, my delegation would like to express its concern over a number of human rights issues in the Country including:

- An alarming increase in the number of racist websites, particularly those targeting Roma and immigrants,
- The increasing cases of discrimination, harassment, misconduct and abuse against persons belonging to ethnic minorities,
- The excessive use of force by law enforcement officials and allegations of torture and other-ill-treatment.

Mr. President,

We would like to make the following recommendations to Portugal respectfully:

- To ratify the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;
- To improve the effectiveness and accessibility of domestic remedies against racial discrimination;
- To step up monitoring of the Internet to prevent it from being used to disseminate racist or xenophobic comments and material with a view to prosecuting the perpetrators of such acts;
- To investigate all ill-treatment and other wrongdoing by law enforcement officials and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Thank you