

**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic  
during the interactive dialogue of the UPR Working Group  
on Portugal  
30 April, 2014**

**Mr. President,**

The Kyrgyz delegation welcomes the delegation of Portugal and is pleased to note that the Portuguese authorities are working consistently to improve and strengthen human rights institutions in constructive cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Portugal held a dialogue on human rights in 2009 in the context of the universal periodic review and accepted 86 out of the 89 recommendations.

We commend that the Government of Portugal considers the promotion and protection of human rights as the essential element of the state's socio-economic development strategies. Since 2009 Portugal ratified a number of human rights and humanitarian law treaties. Portugal is a party to eight UN core human rights treaties and all their optional protocols, recognizing the full range of competences of the respective committees.

We emphasize the establishment of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee (PNHRC) in April 2010.

**Mr. President,**

Acknowledging the achievements of Portugal on the protection and promotion of migrant human rights, my delegation recommends:

- to take effective measures to prevent and prosecute manifestations of racism, xenophobia and intolerance;
- to condemn racist and xenophobic speech by politicians and promote tolerance and diversity.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation is confident that Portugal will continue to pursue the issue of human rights at both national and international levels and wishes them success in this work!

I thank you!