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Statement by the Republic of Poland

30<sup>th</sup> April 2014, Geneva

Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Portugal for its informative national report and constructive participation in the UPR process.

While fully appreciating Portuguese efforts undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted by the government in 2009, in particular those with regard to equality and non-discrimination, the Polish delegation would like to **recommend** to Portugal to continue its efforts to combat racial discrimination, including through support to institutions charged with promotion and protection of human rights and fighting racial discrimination.

Poland commends measures undertaken by the government of Portugal to combat domestic violence including the adoption of the Fourth National Plan against Domestic Violence. At the same time we would like to **recommend** that Portugal continues to take steps, in particular within the Action Plan, to combat and prevent violence and ensure that victims have access to means of protection, and that acts of domestic violence are effectively investigated and perpetrators brought to justice.

Thank you for your attention.