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Portugal

Mr. President,

The Republic of Serbia warmly welcomes the delegation of Portugal, headed by /name/ and wishes to thank them for the presentation of their National Report.

Our delegation welcomes positive developments in Portugal since the last review cycle and thorough implementation of the recommendations that were accepted. We commend the establishment of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee, as an important achievement in terms of strengthening of cooperation with human rights mechanisms and promoting an integrated approach to human rights policies. Ratification of International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances and of the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and OP to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, represent important developments.

We acknowledge efforts of Portugal in combating racial discrimination. In this context, we welcome the emphasis on integration policy, especially the set of supportive measures for socio-economic integration of migrants and disadvantaged people. We encourage Portugal to continue positive engagement in implementation of anti-discrimination policies and promoting tolerance.

Mr. President,

Taking into account that the current austerity measures have a strong impact on the realization of human rights of all citizens, particular attention should be devoted to the most vulnerable population. We appreciate the national commitment in mitigating the impact of the crisis, particularly on the most vulnerable persons and encourage Portugal in its efforts to support families, children, elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

Thank you Mr. President

(Aleksandar Tomić)