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UPR of PORTUGAL

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Portugal to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We commend Portugal's commitment to the promotion of human rights. An important overall progress has been made in Portugal since its last UPR review. We especially welcome the work and progress made in the field of combating violence against women. In this respect, we particularly welcome the legal amendments Portugal introduced in order to extend the concept of domestic violence to dating and other intimate relationship without cohabitation as well as all the prevention measures to reduce social acceptance of domestic and gender-based violence.

We further welcome the positive developments in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity and would like to encourage Portugal to continue with its efforts.

However, concerns remain in particular with regard to discrimination against ethnic minorities. In this regard we note the reports on possible discrimination against ethnic minorities in the judicial system.

We would like to recommend to the Government of Portugal:

1. to strengthen its efforts to combat racial discrimination, especially in the judicial system;
2. to take measures to combat the discrimination of women in recruitment, employment, career advancement and payment.

Thank you.