

Human Rights Council
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Review of Portugal
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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Portugal at the 19th session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for the presentation of the National report prepared in consultations with civil society representatives.

We commend efforts taken to implement the first UPR cycle recommendations, in particular the Government of Portugal's endeavors aiming at further promotion and protection of women, children, persons with disabilities and migrants' human rights.

We wish to commend Portugal for the establishment of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee in April 2010; adoption of the National Strategy for the Integration of Roma Communities for 2013–2020, as well as for other measures taken to eliminate racial, religious, sexual and other forms of discrimination, in particular towards migrants.

In this regard my delegation would appreciate hearing more details about the 3rd National Plan for immigrant integration for the period after 2013 and sharing an experience of implementing the previous ones.

We would also like to put the following questions to the distinguished delegation:

- Are there any professional constraints provided towards immigrants?
- How did the economic and financial crisis affect the labour employment among immigrants? How can the level of unemployment among immigrants be compared with the same of the local population?
- Does the Portuguese law contain clauses that provide an equal payment for immigrants and local population performing the same work?

Ukraine **recommends** to the Portuguese Government to remain committed to implementing its human rights obligations and minimizing the impact of the crisis, particularly on the most vulnerable.

Thank you, Mr. President.