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Statement by Mr. Nuno Gabriel Cabral
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Qatar

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Qatar and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the establishment of the National Human Rights Committee, as well as the fact that since the last review Qatar has extended a Standing Invitation to the Special Procedures of the HRC.

Portugal notes that the Qatar National Vision 2030 reaffirms the need to strengthen women's capacities and to empower them to participate in political and economic life. We recommend that Qatar implements measures on that regard and that it ratifies the Optional Protocol to CEDAW. Also in accordance with Qatar National Vision 2030 and the National Development Strategy 2011–16, we recommend that Qatar takes further measures to protect the rights of migrant workers.

Finally, we recommend that Qatar ratifies the ICESCR and its Optional Protocol, as well as the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a Communications Procedure. Portugal would like to recommend Qatar to ratify the ICCPR and its Optional Protocols, as well as that Qatar abolishes the death penalty.

Thank you Mr President.