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Statement by Portugal

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the delegation of San Marino and thanks for the presentation of such a comprehensive national UPR report. This report demonstrates the commitment of San Marino to the implementation of the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR.

We welcome the ratification of the first two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and we recommend the ratification of the third Optional Protocol to the CRC, which establishes a complaint mechanism. We further recommend the ratification of the Optional Protocols to the ICESCR and to CAT.

Portugal notes that despite having accepted a recommendation to address the issue of timely reporting to human rights monitoring bodies during the first cycle of the UPR, San Marino has now ten overdue reports to the UN Treaty Bodies. Portugal recommends that San Marino submits its overdue reports.

We welcome the creation of a working group in charge of preparing an ad-hoc draft law to adapt the terminology of San Marino legislation regarding the concepts of "legitimate" and "natural" children. We encourage San Marino to intensify its efforts in this regard and we recommend the elimination of the legal concept of "children born outside wedlock" (article 12, paragraph 3 of the Declaration on the Citizens' Rights), as well as the combat against all forms of discrimination, both legally and in practice, in this regard.

Finally, Portugal recommends that San Marino considers developing Human Rights Indicators according to the OHCHR framework, as an instrument that would allow for a more precise and coherent evaluation of its national human rights policies.

Thank you, Mr. President.