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Statement by Portugal

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the Delegation of Slovenia and thanks it for the presentation of the UPR report.

Portugal commends Slovenia for its commitment to the highest standards of Human Rights and particularly welcomes the efforts towards the enhancement of the role of women in society and in the labour market. We also welcome the launch of a National Action Plan to implement the Security Council Resolution 1325, a very important step towards the ending of all forms of violence against women and girls.

Portugal commends Slovenia for the efforts to combat discrimination and recommends Slovenia to continue to combat intolerance based on the ethnic origin and to ensure the full respect of the human rights of the 'erased' people. Furthermore, we would like to recommend Slovenia to continue to take measures in order to guarantee universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

Portugal also recommends that the Government of Slovenia consider developing National Human Rights Indicators, an instrument that allows for a more precise and coherent evaluation of effective implementation of human rights.

Finally, we recommend Slovenia to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure.

Thank you Mr. President.

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