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Statement by Portugal

Grenada

Mr. President,

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

Portugal welcomes the ratification by Grenada of the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ICERD.

Portugal notes the measures undertaken by Grenada regarding children's rights, in particular those related to its juvenile justice system and, in this context, recommends that Grenada raises further the minimum age for criminal responsibility. Portugal further recommends that Grenada continues to improve its legislation in order to provide equal protection for boys and girls against sexual abuse and exploitation.

Finally, Portugal encourages Grenada to pursue its efforts towards better protection of children's rights, as well as to develop additional measures for ensuring and expanding the enjoyment of the right to education. As such, we recommend that Grenada ratifies the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR, as well as the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a Communications Procedure.

Thank you, Mr President.