

**Guinea**

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the ~~Republic of~~ Guinean delegation and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the efforts of the Republic of Guinea to advance women's rights, including the adoption a National Action Plan on Security Council Resolution 1325. We are concerned, however, with the reports of violence against women and girls and with the fact that a significant proportion of girls and women in Guinea are still subject to FGM.

Portugal recommends that the Republic of Guinea: (i) intensifies its efforts to eradicate FGM; (ii) prevents and punishes all forms of violence against women, including the criminalisation of marital rape and domestic violence and (iii) signs and ratifies the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.

Portugal also recommends that Republic of Guinea abolishes the death penalty and signs and ratifies the second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the creation of the Inter-ministerial Committee on Human Rights. In this regard, we recommend that the Republic of Guinea entrust this Committee with drafting the overdue reports to the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies, including on ICESCR, ICCPR, CERD and CRPD.

Finally, Portugal recommends that the Republic of Guinea sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to ICESCR.

Thank you.