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**Guyana**

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of Guyana and thanks it for the presentation of its national UPT report.

Portugal welcomes the ratification by Guyana of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. While also welcoming the abolition of the mandatory sentencing to death for murder, Portugal recommends that Guyana abolishes the death penalty and ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Portugal further recommends that Guyana:

- 1 - accepts the request for a visit made by the *Special Rapporteur* on torture;
- 2 - considers developing Human Rights Indicators as suggested by the OHCHR and, finally,
- 3 - that Guyana withdraws the reservations to the arts. 21 and 22 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and ratifies its Optional Protocol.

Thank you Mr President.