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Statement by Portugal

Turkey

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Turkey and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report, highlighting the progresses achieved in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Portugal welcomes the signature by Turkey, in 2012, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure and recommends its swift ratification. Portugal further welcomes the adoption of the National Action Plan for Combating Domestic Violence against Women and recommends that Turkey pursues the development of enforcement mechanisms so that the Action Plan is consistently implemented.

Furthermore, Portugal would like to offer the Government of Turkey the following recommendations:

- to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.

Thank you, Mr. President.