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Andorra

Portugal warmly welcomes the Delegation of Andorra and thanks it for the presentation of its national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the steps taken by Andorra to protect and promote human rights since its first UPR report, such as the adoption of the Act on the Elimination of Gender-based Violence and Domestic Violence and the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

However, Portugal notes that Andorra has still not established a national human rights institution. We therefore recommend that the Government of Andorra establishes a National Human Rights Institution, in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Portugal would also like to offer the following recommendations to the Government of Andorra:

- To adopt a law on child protection that provides guidance or directives regarding the roles and responsibilities of government agencies;
- To consider developing Human Rights Indicators as an instrument that allows for a more precise and coherent evaluation of national human rights policies;
- To ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its Optional Protocol, as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

Thank you, Mr President.