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Statement by Portugal

**Croatia**

Mr. President,

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

Portugal welcomes Croatia's commitment to protect and promote human rights, namely since its first UPR report. We would particularly highlight the improvements introduced in Croatia's institutional framework, as well as the signing of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, whose ratification we recommend. Portugal further recommends that Croatia considers establishing an inter-ministerial committee responsible for the implementation of its international human rights obligations, inter alia, for coordinating the drafting of the national reports to the Treaty Bodies.

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

- to consider developing Human Rights Indicators, as suggested by the OHCHR, as an instrument that allows for a more precise and coherent evaluation of national human rights policies;
- to submit its overdue reports to the human rights monitoring bodies;
- to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Thank you, Mr President.