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Statement by Portugal

Honduras

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of Honduras and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the steps taken by Honduras towards the promotion of human rights since its last UPR report, especially the amendment to the Criminal Code that has brought the definition of torture in line with international standards. Furthermore, we commend the new Education Act establishing that education is free of charge and compulsory up to secondary level.

Portugal is nonetheless concerned with reports of violence against women. We therefore recommend that Honduras takes adequate and necessary measures to address and end this kind of violence. Additionally, Portugal recommends the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Moreover, we recommend that Honduras considers 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.

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

- To fully implement the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court into national law;
- To ratify of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Optional Protocol to Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communications Procedure.

Thank you, Mr President.