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Jamaica

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the ratification by Jamaica of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the adoption of Jamaica's Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms.

In this context, Portugal recommends that Jamaica sign the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

We would also like to recommend that Jamaica sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Finally, Portugal recommends that Jamaica establishes a National Human Rights Institution in full compliance with the UN Paris Principles.

Thank you Mr. President.