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**Liberia**

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the delegation of Liberia and thanks them for the presentation of their national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the launching of a National Action Plan to implement the Security Council Resolution 1325, as well as the establishment of the Liberian Independent National Commission on Human Rights. We recommend that Liberia strengthens the INCHR's capacities, providing it with the necessary means to allow it to coordinate human rights monitoring, investigation and field activities.

Bearing in mind Liberia's *de facto moratorium* on the death penalty, Portugal would like to recommend Liberia abolishes fully the capital punishment in all cases and circumstances.

Furthermore, Portugal recommends that the Government of Liberia develops Human Rights Indicators, an instrument that allows for a more precise and coherent evaluation of the human rights policies of a country.

Finally, we recommend Liberia ratifies the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Thank you Mr. President.