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Malawi

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of Malawi and thanks it for the presentation of its national UPT report.

Portugal welcomes the ratification by Malawi of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflict. While also welcoming the adoption of the Gender Equality Act, namely the recognition of the disparities between men and women in its nationality law, Portugal recommends that Malawi bring its legislation governing the acquisition, retention or transfer of citizenship into line with Article 9 of CEDAW by removing any remaining discrimination.

Portugal further recommends that Malawi:

- 1 - abolish the death penalty;
- 2 - ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and, finally,
- 3 - amend the Human Rights Commission Act to ensure that the Commission enjoys full independence and is adequately resourced, in accordance with Paris Principles.

Thank you Mr President.