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Statement by Portugal

Micronesia

Mr. President,

Let me start by extending a warm welcome to the delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia and thank for the comprehensive presentation of Micronesia's national UPR report.

Portugal would like to congratulate Micronesia for the enactment of a National Anti-Human Trafficking Law. However, we remain worried with the prevalence of cases of violence against women and therefore recommend Micronesia to introduce federal legislation criminalizing violence against women.

Portugal commends the work carried out by the Micronesia Department of Health and Social Affairs in coordinating human-rights related obligations and recommends the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution, in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Furthermore, we would like to reiterate Portugal's recommendation for Micronesia to extend a standing invitation to special procedures.

Finally, while welcoming the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography since Micronesia's first UPR, Portugal recommends the ratification of the remaining core international human rights treaties, in particular ICERD and its Optional Protocol, ICCPR and its Optional Protocols, CAT and its Optional Protocol and CRPD. We also recommend Micronesia withdraws its reservations to CEDAW.

Thank you Mr. President