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Statement by Portugal

Myanmar

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Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Myanmar and thanks for its comprehensive national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the positive developments in Myanmar since its first review, in particular the efforts to consolidate peace and the reforms towards the democratization of the country. We encourage the authorities of Myanmar to continue these efforts while we recommend that a human-rights-based approach is adopted when designing and implementing all those reforms.

Portugal would like to reiterate two recommendations already made during the first cycle of the UPR. We recommend that Myanmar:

1. ratifies CAT;
2. ensures that the National Human Rights Commission is able to discharge its functions fully, in accordance with the Paris Principles, and is accredited before the ICC of NHRI's;

Portugal further recommends that Myanmar:

1. abolish the death penalty in all cases and circumstances;
2. takes measures to improve the condition of religious/ethnic minorities respecting their Human Rights and ensuring they are not denied the right of citizenship or subject to discrimination, in a manner consistent with international standards;
3. take effective measures to prevent and combat marital rape and domestic violence, including the express criminalization of these practices;
4. continue its efforts to ensure the universal realization of the right to education and, in this regard, ratifies the ICESCR and its Optional Protocol.

Thank you.