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Statement by Portugal

**Nauru**

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Nauru and thanks for the comprehensive presentation of its national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the establishment of a national Working Group on Treaties and recommends that the Republic of Nauru continues its cooperation with treaty bodies by submitting all its overdue reports, namely the initial reports on CRC and CEDAW. Portugal further welcomes the standing invitation for all Special Procedures extended by Nauru since its first UPR. In this context, we recommend that the Republic of Nauru reschedules the postponed visit of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and sets the date for the visit of the Special Rapporteur on Migrants.

Considering that no executions have been carried out since its independence, Portugal strongly recommends that the Rep. of Nauru amends the Constitution in order to abolish the death penalty.

Finally, Portugal welcomes the recent ratification of CAT and its Optional Protocol and recommends that the Rep. of Nauru also ratifies ICERD, ICESCR and its Optional Protocol, and the three Optional Protocols to the CRC. Portugal would also like to recommend the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you, Mr. President