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Statement by Portugal

Oman

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Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of Oman and thanks for the presentation of its national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the efforts made by Oman to consolidate the legal framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. However, Portugal regrets that Oman still retains the death penalty and recommends the establishment of a moratorium on the death penalty as an interim measure towards its total abolition. We further recommend the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

Portugal further recommends the inclusion of an explicit provision in the Omani domestic legislation on prohibition of discrimination against women in all areas of life, including in the private-sphere. Also, the Omani nationality law does not allow women to confer their nationality to their children on an equal basis with men. In this context, we recommend that Oman reviews its Nationality Law in order to ensure that an Omani mother has the right to confer the Omani citizenship to her children without discrimination.

Portugal would also like to further offer the following recommendations to Oman:

- To ratify and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the ICC;
- To ratify the CAT and its Optional Protocol;
- To ratify the ICESCR and its Optional Protocol.

Thank you Mr. President.