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Statement by Portugal

**St. Kitts and Nevis**

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of the St. Kitts and Nevis and thanks it for the presentation of its national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes that St. Kitts and Nevis is currently debating an amended Domestic Violence Bill 2014, in line with accepted recommendations during the first cycle of the UPR, as a means to tackle domestic violence in the country, which remains a serious and pervasive problem. In this context, we would like to recommend that St. Kitts and Nevis also addresses the issue of spousal rape by including the necessary provisions in domestic law.

Portugal would also like to offer the following recommendations to St. Kitts and Nevis:

- 1 – establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to formally abolishing capital punishment in all cases and circumstances;
- 2 – fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- 3 – ensure full incorporation of CRC provisions into its national legal framework, in line with the accepted recommendations during the first cycle of the UPR;

Finally, Portugal recommends that St. Kitts and Nevis accedes to the ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) and its two Optional Protocols; the ICESCR (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) and its Optional Protocol; the three Optional Protocols to the CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child) and its

Thank you Mr President.