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Statement by Portugal

Saint Lucia

Mr. President,

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

Portugal would like to welcome the ratification by St. Lucia of the Optional Protocols to the CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflicts, as well as on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. However, Portugal is concerned that the provisions of CRC are not fully incorporated into national legislation and therefore recommends the Government of St. Lucia to bring its laws in line with the Convention.

We also commend St Lucia for the signing of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), as well of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and recommend the swift ratification of both instruments.

Portugal would also like to offer the following recommendations to the Government of St. Lucia:

- To sign the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to formally abolishing the death penalty;
- To fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- To adequately implement its legislative framework addressing domestic and sexual violence, ensuring the addition of provisions on marital rape, as well as a specific definition of violence against women, as distinct from intrafamily, family or domestic violence.

Thank you, Mr President.