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Review of Sao Tome and Principe
Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Sao Tome and Principe and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate the steps taken to promote the right to health, particularly the primary health care services that provide free consultations and medication for children under 5 years of age, pregnant women, chronically ill persons and children under the national school health programme.

We also note that despite some progress in the promotion of the right to education, particularly the increase in primary school enrolment, as well as the Constitutional guarantees of the right to education, we note, that there still remain a number of challenges in the area to be addressed. We encourage Sao Tome and Principe to ensure equal opportunities for men and women to access all levels of education.

We also note that Sao Tome and Principe has not yet ratified many core international human rights instruments since its first review.

Our delegation has the following recommendations for Sao Tome and Principe:

1. To ratify the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;
2. to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
3. to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We wish Sao Tome and Principe success in its second review.