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Statement by Portugal

Estonia

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the delegation of Estonia and thanks it for the presentation of its national UPR report.

We welcome that since its first UPR Estonia has become party to the CRPD (Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) and its Optional Protocol.

Portugal further commends Estonia for considering to establish a national institution for the protection of human rights (NHRI) and recommends it does so in accordance with the Paris Principles (A Status).

Portugal would also like to offer the following recommendations to Estonia:

- To develop National Human Rights Indicators as suggested by the OHCHR, as an instrument that allows for a more precise and coherent evaluation of its national human rights policies;
- To grant access to quality education for Roma children in mainstream schools.

Finally, we recommend Estonia to ratify the Optional Protocol to ICESCR (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights), the ICPED (International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance), the Optional Protocol to CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women) and the Optional Protocol to CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child) on a communications procedure.

Thank you, Mr. President.