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Statement by Portugal

Republic of Palau

Mr. President,

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

Portugal welcomes the fact that, since its last UPR, Palau has signed seven core human rights treaties, but we note that none has been ratified so far. We therefore recommend the ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We congratulate Palau for the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and we recommend the incorporation of its provisions into the domestic legal system.

Portugal regrets that the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – which Palau ratified in 1995 - have not yet been incorporated into the Palau National Code and recommends the swift adoption of measures in this regard.

Finally, Portugal recommends that Palau establishes a national human rights institution that fully complies with the Paris principles.

Thank you, Mr President.