

Statement by Portugal
24th session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group

Paraguay

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Paraguay and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the ratification by Paraguay of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. In this regard, Portugal recommends that Paraguay (1) implement legislation that codifies the protections guaranteed in the 1954 Convention in national legislation and (2) implement a statelessness status determination procedure to ensure the protection of stateless persons who are not refugees.

Portugal notes with concern that a new Ombudsman had not been appointed since 2008 and that the institution's A-status accreditation had been suspended. Portugal recommends that Paraguay appoint an Ombudsman and ensure that the institution complies fully with the Paris Principles.

Portugal also recommends that Paraguay ratify the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR, the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure and the Convention against Discrimination in Education.

Thank you Mr. President.