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Papua New Guinea

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the delegation of Papua New Guinea and them for the presentation of their national report.

Portugal welcomes that, since its first UPR, Papua New Guinea has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Portugal welcomes the fact that no executions have taken place since 1954 in Papua New Guinea. Nevertheless we recommend Papua New Guinea commutes the existing death penalty and establishes a *moratorium* on executions as a first step towards abolition of the death penalty. We also recommend Papua New Guinea ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Portugal commends Papua New Guinea for the adoption of the Family Protection Act (2013), which criminalized domestic violence and, in order to redouble its efforts to fight violence against women and children, including sexual violence, Portugal recommends that Papua New Guinea include penalization of sexual harassment within its national legislation.

Moreover, we recommend Papua New Guinea to promptly establish a NHRI, in full compliance with the Paris Principles (A status).

Finally, we recommend Papua New Guinea to ratify the CAT (Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment) and its Optional Protocol, as well as Optional Protocol to ICESCR (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights).

Thank you Mr. President.