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Statement by Portugal

**Tajikistan**

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

Portugal would like to welcome the fact that, since the last UPR, Tajikistan has ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Portugal welcomes the introduction of a moratorium on the death penalty in 2004, and we would like to recommend the formal abolishment of the death penalty for all cases and under all circumstances, as well as the ratification of the second optional protocol to the ICCPR.

Portugal also welcomes the establishment by Tajikistan of a National Human Rights Institution, and, in this regards, would like to recommend that Tajikistan take all the necessary measures to ensure that it is in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Finally, we would like to offer Tajikistan the following recommendations:

- Extend a Standing Invitation to the Council's Special Procedures;
- Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT); the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (OP-ICESCR) and the Optional Protocol on the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OP-CRC-IC).

Thank you, Mr. President.