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Statement by Portugal

Tanzania

Mr. President,

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

We commend Tanzania for the efforts made to provide quality education to a growing population, in particular to children in the most vulnerable groups in society. We recommend that Tanzania maintain, and if possible increase, the levels of investment in education for all.

Regarding the issue of persons with albinism, Portugal welcomes the strong commitment expressed by national authorities, and the engagement of Tanzania with multiple international organizations and agencies, to fight discrimination and violence against persons with albinism. Portugal recommends that Tanzania continues to deepen cooperation with all stakeholders, and in particular with the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism, in the discharge of her mandate.

While acknowledging that Tanzania's 2015 Cyber Crime Act as a positive development in the fight against emerging criminality in that domain, Portugal recommends that freedom of speech and the right to information are duly safeguarded in that context, through the adoption and implementation of suitable regulations.

Portugal welcomes that Tanzania has been a de facto abolitionist country. Nevertheless, we would like to recommend the formal abolishment of the death penalty for all cases and under all circumstances and the ratification of the second optional protocol to ICCPR.

Finally, Mr. President, Portugal recommends that Tanzania ratify the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol, as well as Optional Protocol to the ICESCR.

Thank you, Mr. President.