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Statement by Portugal

Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago and thanks it for the presentation of its national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes that the fact that, since its first UPR, Trinidad and Tobago has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Portugal has for long been strongly committed in promoting the universal abolition of the death penalty. In this context, and given that there have been no executions in the country since 1999, we recommend Trinidad and Tobago to establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty and to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with a view to abolishing death penalty both in practice and in law.

We would also like to offer Trinidad and Tobago the following recommendations:

- To promptly establish a NHRI, in full compliance with the Paris Principles (A status);
- To extend a Standing Invitation to the Council's Special Procedures;
- To ratify the CAT (Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment) and its Optional Protocol, as well as the Optional Protocol to ICESCR (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights).

Thank you Mr. President.