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**Statement by Portugal**

**Brazil**

Mr. President,

I’m please to, speaking in Portuguese, warmly welcome the Delegation of Brazil, headed by H. E. The Minister of Human Rights of Brazil, and thank for the presentation of the third report to the Universal Periodic Review Working Group.

Portugal welcomes the close cooperation that Brazil maintains with the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, in particular through organizing a seminar with the OHCHR, in 2015, for the Portuguese Speaking Countries, in which Portugal has participated.

We further congratulate Brazil for the creation, in 2014, of a National System of Human Rights Indicators.

We would also like to highlight Brazil’s efforts to improve the capacities of the National Human Rights Institution and, in this context, we recommend that Brazil continues its work towards ensuring that this institution obtains the “A” Status, according to the Paris Principles.

Portugal further welcomes the measures adopted by Brazil to ensure the human rights of people with disabilities, namely through the development of the Statute for the Person with Disability. We recommend that Brazil pursues its commitment towards ensuring full respect for the human rights of people with disabilities, in particular that those people enjoy an adequate standard of living, including in rural areas.

Finally, Portugal recommends that Brasil ratifies the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR.

Thank you, Mr. President.