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*1’05’’ speaking time*

Chairperson,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Cameroon and wishes it a successful review.

Portugal commends Cameroon for ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and for the implementation of the National HIV-AIDS and STIs Control Strategic Plan (2021-2023).

Portugal **recommends** that Cameroon:

1. repeals laws that criminalize consensual same-sex relations among adults and takes measures to combat discrimination and violence against LGBTI+ persons;
2. takes action in order to enshrine the right to education in its Constitution, which should be free, at least in the elementary stages;

3. elaborates a national strategy to promote job creation.

Thank you.

*102 words*