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*1’25’’ speaking time*

President/ Vice-President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Colombia and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We commend Colombia for the progress made in the implementation of the 2016 Peace Agreement and the “total peace” policy, as well as for the temporary protection status granted to migrants from Venezuela.

We furthermore commend Colombia for its engagement with the Human Rights Council, including the item 10 resolution presented in HRC 53, co-sponsored by Portugal.

Portugal recommends that Colombia:

1. Strengthen the measures to protect human rights defenders, including environmental human rights defenders, against acts of violence, threats, intimidation and reprisals and investigates such acts;
2. Take further measures to guarantee the access to quality and non-discriminatory health services in rural and remote areas to ensure the realization of the right to health;

Portugal wishes Colombia a successful review.

Thank you.

*159 words*