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Statement by Portugal

*Speaking time – 1’*

Chair,

Portugal thanks the delegation of the Russian Federation for the presentation of its national report.

Portugal recommends that the Russian Federation:

* Repeals legislation according to which judgements of the European Court of Human Rights related to cases from before Russia’s withdrawal would not be enforced.
* Fully cooperates with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation as well as with all other UN human rights mechanisms, including Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures.
* Repeals all amendments to legislation such as the “Foreign Agents Media”, the “Anti-Gay Propaganda”, the “Countering Extremist Activity” and the “Discrediting the Armed Forces” laws, which are used to restrict the rights to freedom of opinion or expression, peaceful assembly and association, particularly of criticism of Russia’s unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine.

Thank you.

*122 words*