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*1’30” speaking time*

Chair,

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

Portugal commends Belize for the progress made since the last cycle, including the efforts to submit overdue reports to Treaty Bodies, to ensure access to health care, and the comprehensive legal framework for refugee protection and assistance under the Belize Refugees Act.

Portugal recommends that Belize:

1. Ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and formally abolishes the death penalty for all cases and under all circumstances.
2. Addresses the determinants of malnutrition and increase investment in immunization and primary health care to achieve universal child health coverage.
3. Adopts policy measures to strengthen the inclusion of persons with disabilities, including their access to education, health services, work and protection under humanitarian and security conditions.

Portugal wishes Belize a successful review.

Thank you.