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Chair,

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

Portugal commends the Congo for adopting its 2022-2026 strategic plans for reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health.

Portugal recommends that the Congo:

1. Includes a definition of torture in its Criminal Code and takes effective measures to prevent the use of torture and ill-treatment in places of detention.
2. Ends all forms of discrimination and violence against women, including by repealing laws criminalizing adultery.
3. Develops concrete policies to combat acts of discrimination against persons on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Portugal wishes the Congo a successful review.

Thank you.