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Chair,

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

Portugal commends Mexico for amending article 4 of its Constitution affirming the State’s obligations to provide universal health care, scholarships, financial support and non-contributory pensions.

Portugal recommends that Mexico:

1. Signs and ratifies the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Strengthens measures to protect journalists and human rights defenders.
3. Reinforces the capacity and resources of competent authorities to investigate cases of enforced disappearances and combat impunity.

Portugal wishes Mexico a successful review.

Thank you.