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Chairperson,

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

Portugal commends Senegal for changes in the Senegalese Human Rights Committee in 2023 to improve respect for the Paris Principles. We hope further changes can lead to an A status accreditation.

Portugal **recommends** that Senegal:

- Revises the Family Code to increase the minimum age for the marriage of girls to 18 years, with a view to combat child, early and forced marriage;

- Ensures effective implementation of existing laws prohibiting forced begging and the exploitation of children, particularly of Talibé children;

- Eliminates tuition fees in primary education, to fulfil the right to free, compulsory and universal elementary education.

Portugal wishes Senegal a successful review.

Thank you.