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**Review of Afghanistan**

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Statement by Portugal

*Speaking time – 1’30”*

Chair,

Portugal warmly welcomes the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan at this UPR and thanks it for the preparation of its national report. Portugal expresses its strong concern with the deteriorating human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular the curtailing of human rights of women and girls.

Portugal recommends that Afghanistan:

* Fully complies with and respects its obligations under international human rights law as a State-party to UN treaties such as CEDAW.
* Abolishes the death penalty and prohibits all forms of corporal punishment.
* Criminalizes all forms of gender-based violence.
* Respects, protect and fulfil the right to education of women and girls.

Portugal wishes Afghanistan a successful review.

Thank you.

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