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**Review of Cambodia**

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Statement by Portugal

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Chair,

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

We welcome Cambodia’s adoption of the Action Plan to Prevent and Respond to Violence against Children and the National Policy for the Child Protection System.

Portugal would like to recommend that Cambodia:

1. Take concrete measures to eliminate specific barriers for girls enrolling and remaining in secondary and tertiary education, including poverty, negative parental attitudes, disability, child marriage and early pregnancy.
2. Ensure that all legislation on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities is in compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
3. Take immediate and effective measures to ensure that all persons, including human rights defenders and journalists, can exercise their rights to freedom of expression and association.

Portugal wishes Cambodia a successful review.

Thank you.