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*1’20’’ speaking time*

Chairperson,

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

Portugal commends the Dominican Republic for the two-year extension until 2024 of its National Human Rights Plan and for establishing the “Get Ahead” (*Supérate*) programme aiming at eliminating poverty in the country.

Portugal recommends that the Dominican Republic:

1. Signs and ratifies the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. Takes measures to increase school enrolment up until secondary education in order to realize the right to free, inclusive, equitable and quality education for all;

Portugal wishes the Dominican Republic a successful review.

Thank you.