**United Nations Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Eritrea**

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Statement by Portugal

*Speaking time – 1’10”*

Chair,

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

Portugal recommends that Eritrea:

* Allows the Special Rapporteur for the situation of human rights in Eritrea full access to the country, and fully cooperates with UN human rights mechanisms.
* Abolishes the death penalty.
* Takes concrete measures to eliminate gender-based violence, including female genital mutilation and marital rape, and to fully ensure women’s human rights to health and education, including by addressing the problems of high maternal mortality and of girls’ high school dropout rates.

Portugal wishes Eritrea a successful review.

Thank you.

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