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**Review of New Zealand**

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Statement by Portugal

*Speaking time – 1.15”*

Chair,

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

We commend New Zealand for the adoption of the National Strategy for the Elimination of Family and Sexual Violence and the creation of the Ministry for Persons with Disabilities.

Portugal recommends that New Zealand:

* Takes the necessary steps to render economic, social and cultural rights justiciable in the domestic courts in line with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and ratify its Optional Protocol;
* Strengthens measures aimed at eliminating remaining forms of discrimination against different groups in a situation of vulnerability, such as Māori children and their families.
* Reconsiders the measures contained in the 2023 Immigration Amendment Bill, ensuring that detention is applied only as a last resort, when determined to be strictly necessary and proportionate and for a period as short as possible.

Portugal wishes New Zealand a successful review.

Thank you.

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