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*1’45’’ speaking time*

Chairperson,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu and wishes it a successful review.

Portugal commends Vanuatu for adopting its Mental Health Policy and Strategic Plan 2021-2030 and encourages further efforts to implement a human rights approach to mental health.

Portugal **recommends** that Vanuatu:

1. Signs and ratifies the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its Optional Protocol;

2. Takes measures to promote women’s access to employment in the formal sector, with equal pay for equal work, just and favourable conditions of work and adequate social protection, as well as to protect them against the risk of unemployment;

3. Respects, protects and fulfils the rights of the child and enshrines the right to education in its Constitution, including by providing free, public, and inclusive primary and secondary education.

Thank you.