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**UPR of Costa Rica**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Monday, 11 November 2024, 9:00-12.30*

*Ms./Mr. President,*

Poland thanks Costa Rica for the presentation of its national report.

We recognize the recent adoption of reforms aimed at enforcing the rights of persons with disabilities. We hope that Costa Rica will uphold this commitment to effectively improve the situation of this group.

Poland also welcomes the launching in 2024 of a national strategy against hate speech and discrimination.

Poland recommends to Costa Rica:

1. to effectively eradicate violence against children related to activities of gangs and drug traffickers, and strengthen measures to prevent gang violence;
2. to improve the situation in all the prisons and introduce a system for effectively filing and investigating complaints of acts of torture and ill-treatment;
3. to continue its efforts to tackle violence against women, especially by strengthening victim support services, in particular in remote rural and border areas;
4. to ensure the protection for environmental human rights defenders.

Poland wishes Costa Rica a successful UPR.

*Thank you.*