**UPR 47 – Costa Rica**

Statement by Portugal

*1’15” speaking time*

Chair,

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

Portugal commends Costa Rica for the adoption of its National Care Policy 2021–2031, as well as for the establishment of the National Care and Support System for Older Persons in Situations of Dependency.

Portugal **recommends** that Costa Rica:

1. Takes steps towards the decriminalisation of the voluntary interruption of pregnancy in cases of rape, incest, severe fetal impairments, and when the pregnant person is a child.
2. Continues to strengthen legal protections to protect the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of the press, combating disinformation and ensuring accountability for attacks on journalists and media outlets.
3. Implements a targeted financing plan to improve access to equal and inclusive quality education and to reduce drop-out rates among migrant, rural and financially disadvantaged students, particularly in remote areas.

Portugal wishes Costa Rica a successful review.

Thank you.

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