**UPR 47 – Dominica**

Statement by Portugal

*2’ speaking time*

Chair,

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

Portugal commends Dominica for the ratification of the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and for the election of its first female President.

Portugal **recommends** that Dominica:

1. Enacts comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation across all spheres, including an exhaustive list of protected grounds such as sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. Establishes an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles, ensuring accessible complaint mechanisms and thorough investigation of all violence allegations, particularly against women and children.
3. Formalizes the *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty with a view to a total abolition.

Portugal wishes Dominica a successful review.

Thank you.

 *125 words*