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Statement by Portugal

*1’05’’ speaking time*

Chair,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Portugal takes note of the intention announced by the authorities to lift restrictions to some digital platforms and encourages further steps in this regard.

Portugal recommends that the Islamic Republic of Iran:

1. Establishes a formal moratorium on the death penalty as a step towards its abolition and, as first step, prohibit its application to offences committed by minors.
2. Criminalizes all forms of gender-based violence, including domestic violence and marital rape;
3. Cooperates with all UN mechanisms, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the country.

Portugal wishes the Islamic Republic of Iran a successful review.

Thank you.

*124 words*