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Statement by Portugal

*1’15’’ speaking time*

Chair,

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

Portugal commends Slovenia for the adoption of the Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings and of the guidelines for labour inspectors on identifying victims of trafficking in persons. We furthermore welcome Slovenia’s leadership in advancing the rights of older persons.

Portugal **recommends** that Slovenia:

1. Establishes in its legislation at least 12 years of free primary and secondary education for all, aiming at the fulfilment of the right to education and the guarantee of free, universal and inclusive access to quality education for all.
2. Implements measures in institutional care settings to prevent violence and neglect against persons with disabilities, including psychosocial disabilities, to protect their autonomy and to ensure accountability for violations.
3. Ratifies the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Portugal wishes Slovenia a successful review.

Thank you.

*155 words*