Statement by Portugal

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**Peru**

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Peru and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report. Portugal welcomes the adoption of legislation that prohibits use of corporal and other humiliating punishment against children, as well as the criminalization of forced labour. Portugal would like to know what measures are being implemented so that victims of forced sterilisation cases have access to restorative justice.

Portugal addresses Peru the following recommendations:

1. Increase the minimum age for admission to employment to 16 and prohibit all hazardous forms of labor for children under 18 years old;

2. Reinforce and systematize age verification procedures for the recruitment into the armed forces;

3. Increase the access of children to information and education about sexual and reproductive health and rights, including in schools, as well as access to sexual reproductive health services;

4. Ensure universal design and accessibility obligations in voting procedures, including accessible facilities and voting material.

5. Consider the establishment or the strengthening of the existing national mechanism for coordination, implementation, reporting and follow-up, in line with elements arising from good practices identified in the OHCHR Study/Guide of 2016 concerning NMRF´s.

To conclude, Mr. President, Portugal recommends that Peru sign and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.