Statement by Portugal

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**Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Ukraine and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal commends Ukraine for the re-accreditation of the Ombudsperson’s Office with an “A” status in line with the Paris Principles, as well as the adoption of the necessary constitutional amendments for membership in the International Criminal Court.

We recommend the adoption of all necessary measures to address the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights´ concerns about the extent of corruption in Ukraine and its adverse impact on the enjoyment of all human rights.

We also recommend Ukraine continues its efforts to ensure access to education for all children.

Portugal recommends that Ukraine introduces a clear definition of child pornography into national legislation.

Finally, Portugal recommends Ukraine ratifies the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.