**UPR 41 – Bahrain**

***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Bahrain and wishes it a successful review.

Portugal notes with satisfaction the adoption of the National Human Rights Plan 2022-2026, as well as the efforts by the National Human Rights Institution in seeking to better comply with the Paris Principles.

Portugal recommends that Bahrain:

* Commutes all death sentences, re-establishes a moratorium on the death penalty and ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
* Recognises in law the right to education and guarantees free-of-charge and non-discriminatory access to primary and secondary education, including to girls and to children of migrant and domestic workers and to stateless children;
* Develops and implements a national programme to provide access for persons most at risk of or affected by HIV, including migrant and domestic workers, to quality, affordable and rights-based prevention, testing, treatment and support services and to combat stigma and discrimination in this regard.

Thank you.

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