**UPR 41 – Morocco**

***Statement by Portugal***

*Speaking time – 55’´*

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the High-level delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco and wishes it a successful review.

We welcome the ratification of legal instruments on individual complaints and of the ILO Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention. We further welcome the establishment of the national preventive mechanism on torture and the national strategy for sexual and reproductive health.

Portugal recommends that Morocco:

* increases the minimum working age with a view to eliminate child labour and early dropout, especially among girls;
* eliminate all legal provisions which discriminate against women and girls, including Family Code norms’ on divorce, child custody and inheritance;
* decriminalize same-sex consensual relations among adults and take measures to prevent and address all forms of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you.

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