**UPR 41 – India**

***Statement by Portugal***

*Speaking time – 55’’*

Chair,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of India.

We commend the enactment of the Transgender Persons Act and the consolidation of existing labor legislation into four labour codes.

Portugal would like to recommend that India:

1. Introduces a moratorium on executions with a view to the abolition of the death penalty;
2. Implements a welfare benefit system for all persons living in situation of extreme poverty with the goal of reducing inequalities and ensure the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, including for persons with disabilities, and ethnic and religious minorities;
3. Identifies and repeals all legal provisions which might discriminate against persons affected by leprosy and passes a new bill to that effect in accordance with the India Law Commission’s 2015 report;

Portugal wishes to India a successful UPR review.

Thank you.

*133 words*