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***Statement by Portugal***

*Speaking time: 1’15’’*

Thank you, Chair.

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

Portugal commends Czechia for ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2021 and for the approval of a new Strategy of Roma Equality, Inclusion and Participation 2021-2030.

Portugal **recommends** that Czechia:

* signs and ratifies the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
* reinforces measures to fulfil the human right to education, particularly with a view to eliminating segregation and to integrating children with mental health conditions or psychosocial disabilities, Roma, migrant children and children of socially or financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

*115 words*