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***Statement by Portugal***

*Speaking time – 1.10’*

Thank you, President.

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

We congratulate Argentina for a very successful presidency of the Human Rights Council last year and for its leadership on the promotion of the human rights of older persons.

Portugal welcomes the efforts of Argentina to advance the protection of women’s rights, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, and to combat gender-based violence. We commend Argentina for the enactment of progressive legislation protecting the rights of LGBTI persons and the adoption of a National Act for a Comprehensive Response to HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Other Sexually Transmitted Infections and TB.

Portugal **recommends** that Argentina:

1. guarantees access to high quality mandatory education for all children, including in rural and remote areas; tackles the high school dropout rate; and establishes a strategy to combat bullying and harassment.
2. progressively replaces confinement in psychiatric institutions with a comprehensive, integrated and interdisciplinary system of community-based mental health services in line with the CRPD.

Thank you.

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