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***Statement by Portugal***

*Speaking time: 1’15’’*

Thank you, Mr. President.

Portugal welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea and thanks it for its national report.

Portugal commends the Republic of Korea for withdrawing the reservation to Article 25(e) of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Portugal **recommends** that the Republic of Korea:

* considers the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
* and continues to reinforce the national pension system and to expand social benefits systems to older persons.

We wish the Republic of Korea a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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