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***Statement by Portugal***

Thank you, Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Pakistan and thanks for its national report.

Portugal commends Pakistan for the adoption of the Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act in 2021.

In a constructive spirit, Portugal recommends that Pakistan:

* Considers a death penalty moratorium for all cases, as a step towards its complete abolition;

* reinforces measures to address all forms of violence against women, including by criminalizing domestic violence;

While reiterating our solidarity with Pakistan following the tragic floods, we wish a successful UPR review.

Thank you, Mr. President

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