**UPR 42 – Zambia**

***Statement by Portugal***

*Speaking time – 1’15’’*

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

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

Portugal warmly welcomes the abolishment of the death penalty in the country.

Portugal **recommends** that:

1. Zambia ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. we further commend Zambia for adopting free access to education from early childhood to the secondary level and recommend the extension of the home-grown school feeding programme to cover the entire school population, including schools in remote areas and in refugee settlements.
3. Zambia takes concrete measures to combat and eliminate all forms of discrimination and stigma in health settings, in particular against persons living with HIV/AIDS, LGBTI persons and persons with mental health conditions or psychosocial disabilities.

Thank you.

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