**UPR 42 – Japan**

***Statement by Portugal***

*Speaking time: 1*

Chair,

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

We take note with appreciation that Japan strengthened investigations on labor rights violations, namely through the adoption of the Technical Intern Training Act and the Guidelines on Employment Management of Foreigners.

Portugal **recommends** that Japan:

* ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
* introduces a moratorium on the death penalty, with a view to the abolition of the capital punishment.

Thank you.

*84 words*

**UPR 42 – Republic of Korea**

***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea and thanks it for the presentation of 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.

Portugal recommends that the Republic of Korea:

* ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
* promotes the discussion in its National Assembly on the adoption of comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation;
* adopts measures to ensure access to legal and safe termination of pregnancy services, following the decriminalization of abortion in 2020.

Portugal wishes the Republic of Korea a successful review.

Thank you.

*120 words*