**UPR 43 – Botswana**

**3 May 2023**

***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

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

Portugal commends Botswana for adopting a National Employment Policy in 2021 and for the ongoing efforts in conferring a NHRI mandate to the Office of the Ombudsperson.

Portugal recommends that Botswana:

- signs and ratifies the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

- establishes a moratorium on the death penalty as a first step towards its full abolition and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

Portugal wishes Botswana a successful review.

Thank you

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