**UPR 43 – Bahamas**

**3 May**

***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

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

Portugal commends Bahamas for ratifying the Convention against Torture in 2018 and for prohibiting, in 2021, corporal punishment at alternate care institutions for children.

Portugal **recommends** that Bahamas:

- ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;

- raises the minimum age of employment to 16 years-old in the Employment Act to align it with the end of compulsory education.

Thank you

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