**UPR 43 – United Arab Emirates**

**8 May 2023**

***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates and the presentation of its national report.

Portugal commends the UAE for passing a new Labour Law and for the establishment of an unemployment insurance scheme.

Portugal recommends that the UAE:

- abolishes the death penalty and ratifies both International Human Rights Covenants;

- develops a specific policy strategy devoted to ensuring the right to education of migrant children, with a focus on integration measures in public schooling, including through language courses;

- incorporates the principle of equality of women and men into its legislation and repeals all legal provisions that continue to discriminate against women, including by further amending the Personal Status Law to eliminate the concept of male guardianship.

Thank you.

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