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***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Israel and the presentation of its national report.

Portugal commends Israel for its policies for the protection of the human rights of LGBTIQ+ persons and for being the first country outside of Europe to have ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

Portugal recommends that Israel:

- steps up its cooperation with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, including by issuing a standing invitation and cooperating with its Special Procedures;

- takes concrete measures to address inequalities and fight discrimination, including on the basis of religion or belief against Israeli Arabs, Palestinians and African migrants and asylum-seekers;

- implements the Human Rights Committee’s recommendations regarding restrictions on freedom of movement and arbitrary arrest and detention of Palestinians, in particular children.

Thank you.

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