**UPR 43 – Liechtenstein**

***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

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

Portugal commends Liechtenstein for ratifying the Council of Europe’s Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention), in 2021.

Portugal recommends that Liechtenstein:

* ratifies the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
* provide specialized capacity-building to the judiciary, the police and

other law enforcement officers on gender-based violence against women.

* adequately amends the Foreigners Act to ensure that permanent residents can fully enjoy their right to social security without compromising their residency status for benefiting from social assistance.

Portugal wishes Liechtenstein a successful review.

Thank you.

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