**UPR 43 – Serbia**

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***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

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

Portugal commends Serbia for the efforts undertaken in the area of judiciary, namely through the constitutional revision of 2022.

Portugal recommends that Serbia:

- implement human rights-based mental health policies aligned with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including by investing in community-based mental health services, with a view to eliminating stigma, discrimination and coercion in mental health;

- step up measures to combat discrimination and violence against LGBTI+ persons in all spheres of life, including by promoting awareness raising initiatives and training among law enforcement, health and education personnel.

Portugal wishes Serbia a successful review.

Thank you.

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