29th session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group

**Kingdom of Tonga**

Statement by Portugal

Mr. President,

Portugal warmly welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Tonga and thanks it for the presentation of the comprehensive national UPR report.

Portugal offers the following recommendations:

1. Conclude the process of ratification of CEDAW and reconsider all the potential reservations thereto.

2. Revise the Criminal Offences Act in order to decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex.

3. Establish a monitoring and reporting system on the implementation of the education policy framework.

4. Transform its de facto moratorium on the application of death penalty into a definitive abolition.

5. Establish a National Human Rights Mechanism according to the Paris Principles, and finally,

6. Consider transforming existing ad hoc structures into a national mechanism for coordination, implementation, reporting and follow-up, in line with elements arising from good practices identified in the OHCHR Study/Guide of 2016 concerning NMRIF´s.

Thank you, Mr. President.