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**REVIEW OF PORTUGAL**

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**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Portugal and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We commend the Government’s commitment to the UN Treaty Body System and its cooperation with regional mechanisms such as the Council of Europe human rights system.

Furthermore, we welcome the Government’s adoption of the National Plans against Trafficking in Human Beings, the Strategic Plan for Migration as well as the revised National Strategy for the Integration of Roma Communities.

We encourage the authorities however to adopt further measures in order to support the empowerment of Roma people.

Therefore, allow us to address Portugal with two recommendations:

1. **Increase measures to combat discrimination and social exclusion and segregation of Roma.**
2. **Ensure broader policy measures in order to tackle the root causes of intolerance, by promoting intercultural dialogue, education and pluralism.**

Croatia wishes the Delegation of Portugal a successful review session.

Thank you.