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**Review of Portugal**

**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

*(8 May 2019)*

**Mr.President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Portugal and commends it for the preparation of UPR report as well as submission of the voluntary interim report last year. Portugal is an example for many countries in creating a framework for implementation of UPR recommendations.

We commend Portugal’s continued efforts to minimize the impact of the financial crisis, particularly on the most exposed to the risk of poverty, including children and elderly.

We positively note Portugal’s actions to combat trafficking in persons, including under the third and fourth National Plans to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, and introduction of a gender-sensitive framework for the protection of refugees and asylum seekers. We encourage Portugal to continue with further progress and would like to **recommend**:

- to ensure identification and security of victims of trafficking in the asylum procedure, in particular children,

- to share its experience and popularize creation of the national mechanisms for implementation of recommendations among other states.