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*Statement by the Republic of Cyprus in the review of*

*Portugal*

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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the Portuguese delegation and commends its authorities for the comprehensive national report, as well as for today’s presentation.

We commend Portugal for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of Human Rights and for the concrete measures that the Government takes to implement its international human rights obligations. In this regard, we welcome, the ratification of the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Cyprus also welcomes Portugal’s determination to implement the 2030 Agenda.

Cyprus has the following recommendations for Portugal:

1. Strengthen further national policies to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings;
2. Intensify efforts for better access to sexual and reproductive health care open to all, and
3. Promote the social inclusion of children and young people from the most vulnerable socio-economic contexts.

I thank you Mr. President.