**34.ª Sessão do GT do UPR**

**Itália**

Projeto de intervenção de Portugal

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of Italy and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal commends Italy for its achievements on the promotion and protection of human rights. Portugal particularly praises Italy for the ratifications of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Optional Protocol to the convention of the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Portugal welcomes the internal steps already taken towards the creation of a National Human Rights Institution and would like to recommend that Italy concludes, as a matter of priority, the process leading to the establishment of a NHRI with a broad human rights mandate, in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Portugal would also like to recommend that Italy continues its efforts to conclude the ratification process of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, concerning the criminalization of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems.

Portugal further recommends that Italy promote awareness-raising campaigns and specific programs on the promotion of equal opportunities and respect regarding sexual orientation and gender identity

Thank you.