**34.ª sessão do GT do UPR**

**Iraque**

Projeto de intervenção de Portugal

Mr. President,

Let me start by extending a warm welcome to the delegation of Iraq and thanks it for the presentation of Iraq’s national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the ratification of eight major international human rights instruments by Iraq.

Portugal is seriously concerned by the continuous use of the death penalty in Iraq and by the reports that the country has the third-highest number of documented executions in the world. Portugal recommends that Iraq establishes an official moratorium on executions and that, in conformity with international human rights law, commutes all death sentences with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Finally, we recommend that Iraq adopts legislation prohibiting gender-based crimes committed in the name of “honour” and criminalizing all forms of female genital mutilation in all its territory.

Thank you, Mr. President.