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**Bósnia e Herzegovina**

Projeto de intervenção de Portugal

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and thanks it for the report.

Portugal salutes the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Portugal also welcomes the steps taken in guaranteeing gender equality, namely in developing institutional capacities for gender equality and ensuring legal provisions for that purpose.

Portugal would like to recommend that Bosnia and Herzegovina strengthen the independence of the Office of the Ombudsman, in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Portugal would also like to recommend that Bosnia and Herzegovina adopts laws, countrywide, prohibiting the practice of corporal punishment of children in all settings as well as harmonizing the criminal legislation for the protection of children from sexual abuse.

Thank you, Mr. President.