

PORTUGAL

Candidate for the Human Rights Council 2015-2017

If elected, Portugal pledges to:

- Engage in the work of the Human Rights Council with commitment and dedication for the greater benefit of the dignity and worth of the human person.
- Promote and protect the universality, indivisibility, inalienability and interdependence of all human rights - be they civil, cultural, economic, political or social.
- Contribute to mainstreaming human rights across the United Nations system.
- Support a strong and effective multilateral human rights system, including the independence of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Treaty Bodies and the Special Procedures.
- Actively participate and support the Universal Periodic Review as a key cooperative mechanism aimed at improving the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide.
- Maintain an open dialogue and constructive cooperation with all States, both members and non members of the Human Rights Council.
- Promote the elimination of all forms of discrimination, including based on ancestry, gender, race, language, territory of origin, religion, political or ideological beliefs, education, economic situation, social status or sexual orientation.
- Pay special attention to the human rights of those most vulnerable in our societies.
- Address the plight of victims of human rights violations worldwide and seek to prevent and respond to serious human rights violations.
- Remain mindful that with an enhanced role abroad comes greater responsibility at home in promoting and protecting human rights for all.