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## **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review\***

### **Portugal**

#### **Addendum**

**Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review**

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1. Portugal reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to human rights, both domestically and internationally, by actively engaging in the Universal Periodic Review mechanism, which it has consistently supported. This mechanism stands as one of the most effective instruments of the United Nations in ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of each State's adherence to its international human rights obligations.

2. Portugal presented a high-level delegation led by three Secretaries of State in the fourth UPR cycle, underscoring its dedication to a constructive dialogue and multilateral cooperation within the United Nations framework. In this occasion, Portugal emphasized that respecting, protecting and respecting all human rights – whether they be civil, cultural, economic, political or social – are longstanding priorities, both internally and externally, of every Portuguese Government, as they are enshrined in our Constitution.

3. Accordingly, Portugal undertook a careful and thorough examination of the 281 recommendations received from Member States during the interactive dialogue in the UPR cycle, on 6 November 2024. This process was conducted within the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee, which is Portugal's national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up, where ministerial representatives convened to collectively reflect, debate and decide upon the recommendations, ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach.

4. Following this review, Portugal:

- (a) fully supports 252 recommendations, representing 90% percent of those received;
- (b) takes note of 18 recommendations; and
- (c) partially accepts 11 recommendations.

5. Portugal considers that in a number of cases, current law and practice already reflect the content of the recommendations made. Therefore, Portugal does not see the need for additional action in all cases in which it supports the recommendations.

6. Recommendations were partially accepted for one of the following reasons: 1) either Portugal cannot endorse the recommendation in its entirety or; 2) the recommendation, even though its wording suggests otherwise, has already been acted upon or contains inaccurate assertions. Explanations are provided alongside the response to these recommendations.

7. Portugal remains deeply committed to thoroughly monitor the implementation of the recommendations arising from the fourth UPR cycle. All relevant bodies, including the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee, will be fully committed to the follow-up phase.

(a) **Recommendations accepted:** 37.7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 83, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280.

(b) **Recommendations noted:** 37.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 48, 52, 84, 87, 99, 143, 213, 214, 229, 261, 262, 263.

(c) **Recommendations partially accepted:** 37.21, 23, 27, 32, 79, 82, 85, 198, 204, 215, 281.