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Mr. Chairperson,

Portugal naturally aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Czech Republic on behalf of

the EU.

Over the last years, Portugal has been strongly investing in the promotion of gender equality policies that are reflected in our budget for 2007-2013. 83 million Euros are now allocated to these policies, which represents an increase of almost 65% compared to previous years.

Among the numerous projects approved so far in this area, let me highlight the Gender Equality Plans in Local and Central Administration as well as in public and private enterprises in order to

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specific funding was created to stimulate and support the implementation of Equality Plans in
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