

13th SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW – BRAZIL**Intervention by Denmark**

Madame President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the Brazilian delegation to Geneva and would like to thank them for their comprehensive presentation given here today.

Denmark recognizes the positive steps taken by the Government of Brazil in combatting the use of torture and other forms of ill-treatment. We welcome the progress made in drafting legislation for the establishment of a National Preventive Mechanism that has included the participation of civil society. We remain concerned however, that provisions in the draft do not comply with the OPCAT, particularly in guaranteeing the independence of such a mechanism.

Denmark therefore recommends the Government of Brazil adopt Bill No. 2442 in order to guarantee the independence and autonomy of the members of the National Preventive Mechanism, in conformity with Brazil's obligations under the OPCAT.

Brazil should be commended for taking steps to address unlawful killings committed by the State military police since its last UPR. However, we are concerned that extrajudicial executions remain pervasive.

In line with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Denmark recommends that the Government of Brazil work towards abolishing the separate system of military police by implementing more effective measures to tie State funding to compliance with measures aimed at reducing the incidence of extrajudicial executions by the police.

Finally, we are concerned over the prevalence of threats against judges because of their functions. Impunity for such crimes continues, which could harm the independence of the judiciary.

Denmark would like to ask the Government of Brazil what measures are being taken to address the on-going impunity and what measures are being taken to guarantee the independence of the judiciary in their functions?

Thank you, Madame President.