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Madame President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Brazil and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt recognizes the progress in the country's legal and institutional framework aiming at the improvement of human rights, namely the demonstration of its commitment to protecting human rights by acceding to most international conventions and extending a standing invitation to the special procedures and mechanisms to visit the country and monitor compliance with its international obligations.

Notwithstanding, allegations of discrimination towards minorities and indigenous people, in particular the Quilimbola communities' situation, leads Egypt to encourage Brazil to continue its efforts to ensure that the rights of indigenous people are guaranteed and implemented.

Egypt encourages Brazil to further cooperate with international and regional mechanisms regarding the situation of human rights defenders. Similarly, we support the ongoing Brazilian efforts to transfer the investigation and prosecution of human rights crimes to federal jurisdiction.

In a positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To take more steps towards full implementation of CEDAW recommendations.
2. To exert further efforts to improve prison conditions.
3. To ensure equal access to poverty reduction programs, particularly indigenous families.
4. To keep taking the necessary measures to combat continued deforestation in order to ensure the effective enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights.

I thank you.