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**Universal Periodic Review of BRAZIL, 25 May 2012
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the high level delegation of Brazil to the 13th session of the UPR.

Estonia acknowledges the fact that Brazil has made advances in its international human rights commitments since the last review in 2008. Its government has successfully concluded the ratification procedures of CRPD and both optional protocols of ICCPR. Brazil is therefore part of nearly all the main international human rights instruments and is fully cooperating with the special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council as well as with treaty bodies.

Estonia commends Brazil for implementing the policy suggestions made during the previous review. We welcome the continuous efforts of Brazil in the area of the rights of women. The election of a woman as President of Brazil exemplifies the increased role that women play in the political and administrative life of the country. We encourage the government of Brazil to continue their work in this regard, particularly by addressing the problem of domestic violence and high maternal mortality rates. We recommend that Brazil further develop the legislation that would allow women to exercise their rights to privacy and confidentiality during police investigations and guarantee the right to presumption of innocence, due process, and legal defense.

Estonia recognizes Brazil's efforts in the area of civil and political rights, particularly its accession to the important international human rights instruments mentioned earlier. We encourage Brazil to be vigilant with respect to those international commitments and continue working to guarantee the existence of an independent judiciary and free press. We also recommend that Brazil consider freedom of expression concerns when drafting cybercrime legislation.

Thank you.