Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran Before the Thirteenth Session of the UPR Working Group

On Brazil

Geneva, 25 May 2012

Madam President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran would like to welcome the delegation of Brazil. My delegation also took note of the national report as well as the statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of Brazil.

We also recognize those efforts that have been undertaken by the government to improve the standard living of its people.

At the same time, we are confident that the Government of Brazil will take into consideration those concerns raised by OHCHR in the compilation reports over some human rights violations in the country, including slave labour and violence and discrimination against women.

Madam President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Brazil:

- 1- To continue its educational strategies to ensure that all children enrol in school and receive a quality basic education;
- 2- To take effective legislative measures for special protection and integration mechanisms for victims of slave labour;
- 3- To improve health care efforts, especially to reduce the child mortality and the prevalence rate of HIV and AIDS;
- 4-To take legal and practical measures to eliminate violence and discrimination against women particularly in the rural and remote areas of Brazil,
- 5- Finally, to continue its effort in strengthening the protection of the right to food;

Thank you