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Introduction

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Madam President,

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First I would like to thank minister for his/her presentation of the national report.

~~Substance~~

From the report and other sources we can conclude that Brazil has made substantial progress. We commend the Government for introducing a National System of Human Rights Indicators and annual reports. We recognize the commitment to eradicate child labour and slave labour and to counter domestic violence. I also note more in general the progressive realization of the Millennium Development Goals.

However, we have about ~~persisting~~ concerns include the protection of human rights defenders and the conditions in prisons, now targeted by a recent Bill to combat torture.

~~Recommendations~~

Therefore the Netherlands recommends:

1. To consider adopting a policy of taking an explicit and published decision on instituting a federal investigation, and prosecution, in all cases involving a suspicion of murder, or violence against attempted murder, or human rights defenders.
2. To make sure prisoners and detainees have at all times access to a list of their nationally and internationally recognized rights and descriptions of proper treatment, including those laid down in the Standard/Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and the Body of Principles for the Protection of Detainees and to make sure that they have access to effective procedures to realize these rights.
3. To increase the total number of Public Defenders and secure a constant presence of Public Defenders in all detention institutions.
4. To further entrench in standard administrative procedures the right of Indigenous peoples to be consulted, in accordance with ILO Convention 169.

Thank you Madam President.
