**Statement made by Pakistan during the review of Brazil
during the 13th session of the UPR Working Group, 25 May 2012, Geneva**
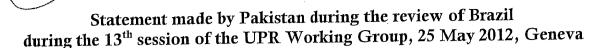
Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Brazil to their UPR and would like to congratulate ...., for presenting a comprehensive update on the efforts made by the Brazilian Government in the field of human rights since its first UPR held in April 2008.

Pakistan wishes to commend the efforts of the Brazilian delegation to promote constructive dialogue and cooperation in the work of the Human Rights Council. We recommend Brazil to continue promoting cooperation and dialogue in addressing situations of concern in the Human Rights Council.

We agree with the observation made in the report that the best development policy is to combat poverty, while the best human rights policy is to reduce inequality and discrimination. We are pleased to note that Brazil has managed to achieve tangible results in both domains by reducing poverty and social inequality in recent years. We recommend Brazil to continue its efforts to combat poverty and social disparities.

Madam President,

We appreciate Brazil's ongoing efforts to address challenges in the realization of the rights to adequate food, health, education, housing, etc. A series of dedicated programmes to promote sustainable development testifies the commitment of the Government to build a more equal, just and inclusive society. We take note of a range of social protection networks *(social safety nets programmes)* that are in place to support extremely poor families. We would appreciate if the delegation of Brazil could share the salient elements of the "Active Search" strategy.

The efforts of the Brazilian government to combat violence against women, promote access to justice, promote equality in diversity and promote peace and justice in the countryside are all welcome steps.

In conclusion, Madam President, we wish Brazil success in organizing the Rio+20 Conference, the 2014 FIFA World Cup, and the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

I thank you.

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