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STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
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Madam President,

1 Since its last UPR in 2008, Brazil has continued to take significant steps to promote and protect human rights. It has implemented several national programmes and established domestic institutions to further strengthen its human rights framework. In particular, strong emphasis has been placed on promoting gender equality and the protection of women against discrimination and violence. We note the Supreme Court's recent pronouncement on the constitutionality of the Maria da Penha Law and the implementation of the National Pact on Fighting Violence against Women which had led to increased public facilities such as home shelters to assist women who are victims of violence. We **recommend** that Brazil continues its efforts to implement policies to enhance the protection of women against violence.

2 We commend Brazil for its progress in addressing child labour issues. We also take positive note of its Programme to Eradicate Child Labour which has benefited more than 800 000 children annually in the last two years. We **recommend** that Brazil continues with its efforts to eradicate child labour with a particular focus on children in highly vulnerable situations.

3 Singapore joins the many friends of Brazil in wishing it well.

Thank you, Madam President.