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Mme. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the Federative Republic of Brazil, led by H.E. Ms. Maria do Rosário Nunes, Minister of Human Rights, for the presentation of the country report and for its participation in the review process.

Since Brazil's first review, Slovakia welcomes, inter alia, the ratification of CRPD and its OP in 2008, both OPs to ICCPR in 2009 and CED in 2010, the decrease in infant and children mortality rates as well as measures to address poverty and malnutrition, such as the National School Food Programme to provide meals free of charge for 37 million children in public schools. We also commend Brazil for being in the first group of countries signing the new third OP to CRC on a communication procedure here in Geneva three months ago.

Slovakia would like to present Brazil the following recommendations:

1. While Slovakia acknowledges certain steps taken to address unlawful killings, as observed by the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions in 2010, we recommend Brazil to **ensure that all killings by the law enforcement personnel are properly registered and thoroughly, independently investigated,**
2. **to ensure that indigenous peoples are able to defend their constitutional right to ancestral lands without discrimination and their prior, informed consent is sought in cases of projects that may affect their rights,**
3. **to ensure an effective non-discrimination for persons with disabilities as well as a recognition of all persons with disabilities as persons before the law, as stated by the CRPD, including an unhindered exercise of civil and political, economic, social and cultural rights,**
4. **to ensure that people with disabilities in situations of abandonment or without family support are able to live in the community in a non-segregated way, providing for their access to services such as health, education or social security,**
5. Last, but not least, **to fully align the national legislation with all obligations arising out of the Rome Statute of the ICC.**

I thank you, Mme. President.