



**Statement by Sweden in the  
interactive dialogue on Brazil**

*To be delivered by Counsellor Anna Jakenberg Brinck  
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**Madam President,**

Sweden welcomes Minister Rosario Nunes and her delegation to Geneva and thank you for presenting your national report here today.

Sweden notes positively the Brazilian commitments against torture, as it is prohibited in the constitution. Furthermore, Brazil is a State party to the CAT and the Optional Protocol to CAT. There are still reports of serious problems however, not least within the overcrowded Brazilian detention system. Following its visit to Brazil in September 2011 the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture issued recommendations to the Government, one being the creation of a National Preventive Mechanism.

Sweden would like to recommend Brazil to expedite the implementation of an efficient and autonomous National Preventive Mechanism, as stipulated in the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture and to ensure that it enjoys the independence, resources and other conditions needed to fulfil its tasks.

Sweden praises the Brazilian Government for giving high priority to the trafficking of women and children and sexual exploitation. We welcome the national plans on prevention of trafficking and sexual exploitation as well as the initiatives aimed at combating the problem. The issue remains worrisome however, not least in the tourist areas of the northeast and around large scale construction sites.

Sweden therefore recommends the Government of Brazil to strengthen the domestic cooperation between relevant actors, as well as the international cooperation, in order to combat both internal and international trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children.

Thank you Madam President