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Madam President,

We would like to welcome the delegation of Brazil and to thank them for their National Report.

We noted with appreciation that Brazil has been exerting great effort to improve the living standards of its people. The programmes and projects which are being implemented by Brazil have set models for the other countries in its region.

We are pleased to note that Brazil has a robust legal and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. The achievements which were made especially in the social area are worth mentioning.

Turkey also recognizes the improvement in the field of gender equality, increased representation of women in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the Government, under the leadership of the first woman President of the country.

We gladly observe that Brazil is a country on the rise in all spheres of life.

Notwithstanding these positive aspects, some issues raised friendly concern, in particular, that persons with disabilities still suffer discrimination in access to employment despite the quotas in both the public and private sectors.

Turkey would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) To follow up on the recommendation of the ILO to continue efforts to ensure full equality of opportunity and treatment for women, persons of African Descent and indigenous persons.
- 2) to strengthen measures concerning the many children who continue to live on the street where they remain vulnerable to abuse.
- 3) to address the high rate of homicides in Brazil's overcrowded prisons where allegations of widespread torture and inhumane conditions are alarming.
- 4) to consider withdrawing reservations to core international human rights instruments, in particular Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR.
- 5) to continue combating inequalities in access to employment and in working conditions based on gender and race as noted by CESCR.

I thank you Madam President.