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Madam President,

HE Mr Mustapha Ramidi
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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Morocco to the UPR.

We are pleased to learn that important progress has been achieved in Morocco, particularly with the adoption of a National Action Plan for Democracy and Human Rights, and the recognition of the primacy of ratified international conventions over domestic law in the 2011 Constitution.

We note, with appreciation, the substantive progress regarding women's rights through measures such as gender mainstreaming programmes and the Equality Agenda, which led to the withdrawal of reservations to the CEDAW.

We also note with appreciation the recognition, by the 2011 Constitution, of the contributions made to Moroccan society by its many cultures and

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peoples, of the freedom of religion and belief, and of the values of tolerance and mutual dialogue among cultures and civilizations.

In view of the recently adopted Family Code, Brazil recommends that Morocco conducts a national program or campaign to raise awareness about and encourage compliance with the new laws, along with similar campaigns directed towards judges and other operators of the law.

In relation to violence against women, Brazil recommends that Morocco adopts a specific law for domestic violence, containing both criminal and civil provisions.

Furthermore, Brazil appreciates that protection against torture is now constitutionally guaranteed and the presentation of Morocco's 5th report to the Committee against Torture. We invite that the country ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

Thank you.