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Madam President,

Brazil welcomes the Delegation of Tunisia to the UPR [and congratulates the Government of Tunisia for having presented a very open and transparent report, which recognizes achievements and identifies important challenges].

Today's revision occurs in a very important moment in the history of Tunisia. As the National Constituent Assembly gathers to respond to the demands of the Tunisian people, there is a real opportunity to shape institutions and create a legal framework with human rights at its core. [As the new Constitution is drafted, recommendations presented here can have a real impact in the lives of all Tunisians.]

Brazil congratulates Tunisia for the remarkable achievements since last year, including the democratic, free and transparent elections; the ratification of a number of human rights treaties and the withdrawal of reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Brazil recommends that the National Constituent Assembly seizes the opportunity to incorporate into the new Constitution the fundamental rights and guarantees enshrined in these international treaties.

Special attention should also be given to the inclusion of provisions which guarantee the rights to freedom of opinion and expression.

Brazil is confident that the Tunisian Government will overcome the challenges of this transitional phase [and continue with implementation of its new legal human rights framework].

Thank you