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Madam President,

Brazil presents its compliments to the delegation of the United Kingdom and congratulates for its national report to the Universal Periodic Review.

In 2008, Brazil expressed concern about racial profiling and asked what concrete measures were taken by the United Kingdom in this regard. We were pleased to learn that since then the Race Relations Act of 2000 was revised.

Notwithstanding, the Equality Act of 2010 still permits public officials to discriminate on grounds of nationality, ethnic and national origin. Brazil recommends the revision of the policies which involve racial and ethnic profiling such as the "stop and search" practices. The case of Jean Charles de Menezes should always serve as a reminder of the need for such a revision.

We particularly commend the UK for withdrawing the last two reservations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We expect that the application of the Convention becomes common practice, especially for the protection of children under custody.

Finally, we would like to refer to challenges in the protection of women's rights. The prevalence of violence against women and girls with low prosecution rates is particularly worrisome. In this regard, Brazil recommends the adoption of a national strategy to combat all forms of violence against women and girls.

Thank you