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Madam President,
Brazil thanks the delegation of Benin for the presentation of its National Report. It addresses both advances and challenges in the field of human rights.

My delegation learnt with satisfaction that Benin is implementing our recommendation, made in the first cycle, regarding human rights institutions and international support.

We take positive note of Benin's action against poverty, particularly the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper; the Growth Strategy for Poverty Reduction and a programme of micro-credit for the very poor.

Brazil also notes with satisfaction the improvements achieved in the field of HIV/AIDS, in particular the reduction in the prevalence rate and the provision of free antiretroviral drugs.

Madam President,
Among the existing challenges, my delegation recalls the persistence of gender-based violence, especially domestic violence, and recommends that Benin further strengthens measures to fight it.

Moreover, Brazil recommends that Benin considers issuing a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders.

Thank you.