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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Gabon to the UPR. My delegation commends Gabon for the progress made, in the last 4 years, in its human development index. We are also encouraged by other positive developments in the field of human rights. Brazil commends Gabon for the inclusion, in its Code of Criminal Procedure, of a specific section on cooperation with the International Criminal Court, following up a recommendation of the UPR in its first cycle.

Brazil positively notes Gabon's accession, in the last two years, to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; to the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and to the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict. Brazil also welcomes the abolition of the death penalty in 2010. On women's rights, Brazil commends Gabon for the adoption of a National Strategy on Gender Equality and for the amendments to the Code for Social Security to follow up on UPR recommendations related to gender issues.

With a view to encourage Gabon to continue making progress on human rights, Brazil respectfully makes the following recommendations:

1. to consider redrafting its media law to align it with the needs of media development and media freedom.
2. to take steps to reduce school wastage rate, having in mind that today 25% of a given class did not complete primary school.

Thank you.