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**INTERVENTION BY BRAZIL**

Madam President,

Brazil presents its compliments to the delegation of Ghana and congratulates for its national report to the Universal Periodic Review, which presents a follow-up to all recommendations received on the first cycle.

In 2008, Brazil expressed concern about the lack of gender perspective in the implementation of the rent act. We were pleased to know that the act is being reviewed.

We commend the Government of Ghana for the efforts aimed at decreasing HIV prevalence in the country, especially by controlling new infections and reducing mother-to-child transmission.

Finally, we would like to turn to challenges faced by Ghana, putting forward two recommendations:

i) to continue its efforts in the field of women's rights in order to, among others, enforce the Act against Domestic Violence of 2007 and laws prohibiting harmful practices against women, including trokosi and female genital mutilation.

ii) to continue the efforts to improve the figures of birth registration, having in mind that considerable improvement has already been achieved, as birth registration increased from around 30 per cent in 2000 to over 60 per cent in 2010.

Thank you, Madam President.