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Madam President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Pakistan to the UPR, in particular the presence of Her Excellency, Minister for Foreign Affairs. We note with satisfaction considerable developments in strengthening democracy and human rights since 2008, which include the establishment of a Ministry and of a National Commission for Human Rights.

Brazil also commends the "de facto" moratorium Pakistan has maintained on the death penalty during the past four years.

Brazil welcomes the ratification of seven of the core international human rights treaties, including the ICCPR and CAT. We recommend, however, the ratification of the Optional Protocol to CAT.

Notwithstanding some recent disturbing developments, Brazil takes note with interest of improvements in the field of women's rights, including the adoption of the Prevention of Anti-Women Practices Act and of Laws on Sexual Harassment. We recommend the adoption of a National Plan with provisions to implement the legislations on women's rights.

Thank you.