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**STATEMENT BY BRAZIL
Ambassador Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo**

Mr. President,

Allow me to welcome the distinguished delegation of Barbados to the UPR.

Brazil commends Barbados for the efforts to implement the recommendations of the previous cycle of the UPR, including legislative reforms dealing with some of the main concerns pointed out in 2008. We welcome the adoption of new measures to fight gender based violence and of the National Policy on Ageing.

We remain concerned, however, with some areas which are still a challenge for the promotion and protection of human rights in Barbados:

1. gender equality, including the lack of appropriate legislation on discrimination against women;
2. widespread use of corporal punishments against children;
3. discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

Brazil would like to know what specific measures are being considered to prevent violence against children, including domestic violence, and make the following two recommendations for the consideration of the delegation do Barbados:

- 1) to establish a moratorium to executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty;
- 2) to establish policies and initiatives to address discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

I thank you Mr. President.