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Mr President,

Brazil thanks Botswana for the presentation of its national report, which presents a follow-up to the recommendations accepted during the first cycle.

Brazil takes note of the efforts made by Botswana towards the implementation of such recommendations, including the one on the progressive accomplishment of the human rights voluntary goals set up by HRC resolution 9/12.

We are also encouraged by the progress made in the fight against gender-based discrimination in Botswana. The report refers to projects aimed at empowering women in rural areas. We take positive note of a landmark decision of the High Court of Botswana which revoked a customary inheritance law which

discriminated against women and was not in line with the Constitution of Botswana.

With a view to encourage Botswana to continue making progress on human rights, Brazil respectfully makes the following recommendations: (i) to consider enacting specific legislation on domestic violence to hold perpetrators accountable for their behaviour; and (ii) to implement specific and concrete measures with a view to increase women's participation in political and corporate life in the country.

Thank you.