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Secretary Melina Espeschart Maia

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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the important steps undertaken by the Government of Burundi to promote democracy and foster the realization of human rights after the long years of civil war. The efforts to promote national conciliation and civil and political rights are noteworthy as well as the measures adopted to fight extreme poverty.

Brazil is aware that the Government of Burundi still counts on the help of the international community to overcome some of the challenges pointed out in its national report, especially the promotion of food security. We reiterate our willingness to cooperate, as possible, with the implementation of the II Strategic Framework for Growth and Poverty, as presented during the Conference for Burundi's Development Partners.

In the spirit of the review, Brazil wishes to recommend to the Government of Burundi:

- (1) - to ensure that no one is discriminated against on any grounds, including on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity;
- (2) - to consider ratifying the OP-CEDAW.

We are confident that with commitment of its Government, increased and open dialogue with civil society and close cooperation of the international community, Burundi will continue to overcome its main challenges in the field of human rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.