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Mr. President,

May I welcome the delegation of Serbia to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Brazil congratulates the efforts made by Serbia to advance the realization of human rights since 2008. It is notable the cooperation with the works of the ICTY and the adoption of new legislation, such as the Law on Judges and on Asylum.

We also took note with satisfaction of the positive measures taken to fight discrimination, in particular the adoption of the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination and the establishment of the Office of Commissioner for the Protection of Equality. Minority communities still suffer, however, from discrimination and hate speech is still a serious concern in Serbia. Brazil recommends the strict application of the new Law on Discrimination and the adoption of a comprehensive legislation on hate crimes.

The situation of the Roma community also deserves attention. Brazil recommends that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that the basic civil and political rights of the Roma are being assured and that birth registration is available and accessible for all children without discrimination.

Lastly, we would like to ask if Serbia intends to adopt new measures and policies to guarantee that everyone is protected against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

I thank you Mr. President.