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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan to the second cycle of the UPR.

We are pleased to learn that important progress has been achieved with the adoption of a National Action Program on increasing the efficiency in the protection of human rights, in 2011.

My delegation welcomes the passing of laws on education, in 2009, and on combating domestic violence, in 2010.

We gladly note that these achievements are in line with the recommendation made by Brazil in the first cycle concerning the strengthening of institutional and policy frameworks in the area of human rights.

Moreover, Brazil welcomes the ratification of the Convention of the Council of Europe on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, as well as the

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creation of an Inter-Agency Council to implement the National Directive Mechanism Rules regarding victims of human trafficking.

Mr President,

In the spirit of cooperation that prevails in the UPR, Brazil recommends the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Furthermore, Brazil is aware of a draft Law on "Protection of Children from Corporal Punishment" which was submitted to Parliament. In this sense, my delegation acknowledges the efforts made by the Ombudsman which follow-up on a recommendation put forward by Brazil in the first cycle. Therefore, we recommend the adoption of the afore-mentioned draft law.

Finally, Brazil takes note with interest of the Targeted Social Assistance program aimed at reduction of poverty and would like to ask for more information about the implementation of programs for social rehabilitation of low income families.

Thank you.