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Intervention by Brazil

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Canada to the second cycle of the UPR. We are honored to be part of the troika of this review.

Brazil congratulates the Government of Canada on the measures for the advancement of human rights since the last review. We note, with appreciation, among other accomplishments the following: i) the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; ii) the decision to support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and iii) the continued investments on education, with remarkable results.

Following up on the recommendations presented by Brazil in 2009, once again we would like to encourage Canada to adjust its legislation in order to fully apply the principle of "non-refoulement".

We are concerned with the fact that the Convention of the Rights of the Child has not yet been fully incorporated into the Canadian legal system, leaving protection gaps which are not in the best interest of the child.

In the spirit of cooperation that prevails in the UPR, Brazil would like to put forward two recommendations.

(i) Brazil recommends that Canada ratifies to the American Convention on Human Rights (ACHR);

(ii) having in mind the growing number of cases of people who resort to food banks, Brazil recommends the elaboration of a national plan of food security with a view to the realization of the universal human right to food

Thank you, Mister President.