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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Cabo Verde to the UPR, Headed by Minister José Carlos Lopes Correia, and thanks the Government of Cape Verde for the opportunity to express myself today in Portuguese, our common language.

My delegation acknowledges the nameable and praiseworthy advances made by Cabo Verde in the years that followed its last review by the UPR in 2008. To name just a few of them, I'd like to refer to: (a) the strengthening of the national human rights institutions, whose new statutes have been elaborated according to the Paris Principles; (b) the visible improvement, since 2009, on very important social indicators such as infant mortality and infant malnutrition; c) the enactment of the Gender-Based Violence Act, in January 2011; (d) the adoption, also in 2011, of the National Strategy for Older Persons; and (e) the remarkable improvements in literacy which attained the rate of more than 82 % in 2010.

Moreover, Brazil would like to express its satisfaction with Cabo Verde's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW, in line with recommendations made by the Brazilian delegation on the occasion of the last review of Cabo Verde.

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It is also noteworthy the first National Report on Human Rights of Cape Verde covering the period from 2004 to 2010. We highlight the general spirit of the document. It is straightforward, constructive and based on concrete data. It reflects with accuracy the reality of the country with a clear view to achieve further improvements.

In the spirit of cooperation and constructive engagement which presides over the Universal Periodic Review, the Brazilian delegation would like to put forward the following two recommendations:

- (i) to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
- (ii) to take the appropriate steps towards the adoption of a child protection code in conformity with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

I Thank you, Mr. President.