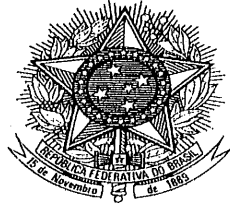


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Mr. President,

Brazil thanks Germany for the presentation of its national report, with an update on the human rights situation since the first UPR cycle.

Brazil commends Germany for having ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the sale of children and for having withdrawn its reservations to the CRC.

Germany took a positive step in abolishing a legal requirement that every educational institution should provide information to the migration authorities on undocumented immigrants.

The report refers to measures taken in the fight against discrimination: the program "XENOS – Integration and Diversity", for instance, is helping migrants to enter the job market and integrate into society. One should acknowledge the efforts of Germany to favor a "welcoming culture" for immigrants, as well as the adoption of legislation against incitement to hatred.

With a view to encourage Germany to make further progress on human rights, Brazil respectfully makes the following two recommendations:

- (i) to continue the efforts in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, including mild and underlying forms of racism;
- (ii) to take into consideration the full spectrum of international refugee and human rights law and standards when considering issues related to asylum-seekers.

Thank you.