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Mr. President,

Brazil is pleased to welcome the delegation of Tuvalu to the UPR.

Our delegation would like, at the outset, to acknowledge and welcome some of the very important achievements attained by the Government and people of Tuvalu in the field of human rights protection and promotion since its last review by the UPR. Amongst those, Brazil is particularly appreciative of Tuvalu's commitment in support of the ongoing national discussions on the establishment of a national human rights institution. Additionally, Brazil would like to highlight the country's openness for cooperation with its international partners in the sphere of human rights, especially with the OHCHR, UNICEF, ILO and other human rights bodies. We would also like to make sure that Tuvalu's achievements on awareness raising do not go unnoticed. A very good example of these are the specific radio programs on the issue of domestic violence organized by a network of partnerships which involves the Ministry of Home Affairs, the National Council of Women and the Police Department. In the same vein, the very impressive work being carried out by the People's Lawyers Office in the field of access to justice must be mentioned. All these advances are also a token Tuvalu's unswerving

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commitment to human rights, despite its specific social, economic and environmental challenges.

In line with the cooperative and constructive spirit of the Universal Periodic Review, Brazil would like to propose the following two recommendations to the Tuvaluan delegation:

- (i) Continue to promote and strengthen the realization of women's rights, with a special attention on equal rights and opportunities in the labor market;
- (ii) Maintain and strengthen efforts towards the establishment of a fully-fledged National Human Rights Institution.

I Thank you, Mr. President.