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Universal Periodic Review – 17th Cycle – Central African Republic

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Brazil would like to welcome the delegation of the Central African Republic to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

We commend the Central African Republic for the comprehensive report presented.

Brazil notes with appreciation the efforts the Central African Republic has been carrying out to maintain and strengthen its constitutional order.

We also welcome the country's disposition to face the crucial challenges of a post-conflict reality, in all its political, economic and social aspects.

Brazil is, nevertheless, concerned about the complexity of the situation in the country.

The Central African Republic has not yet ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, as recommended in the last UPR cycle.

In line with that, Brazil regrets that the Central African Republic has not yet ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Hence, Brazil recommends that the Central African Republic step up efforts for the protection of children subject to recruitment into armed forces, including through the adoption of adequate legislation on the matter.

Brazil also recommends that the Central African Republic take advantage of the cooperation that the international community, particularly the Human Rights Council, can offer in order to pursue the consolidation of its national institutions, an indispensable step for the promotion and protection of human rights on the ground.