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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Chad to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Brazil is particularly impressed by the number of relevant international instruments related to the protection of the rights of the child ratified by the country since its last review in May 2009.

Equally meritorious are the advances at national level in fields such as judicial reform and fighting illiteracy. They have special significance for us, not only because they were among the topics mentioned by Brazil on the occasion of the 2009 review, but also because they represent concrete results of Chad's willingness for cooperation in human rights promotion and protection.

It remains, nonetheless, a matter of concern the fact that Chad is yet to accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, an issue that was the subject of a recommendation made by Brazil and supported by Chad, on the occasion of the last review.

In the spirit of constructiveness, cooperation and genuine dialogue that underlies the UPR, Brazil would like to make the following recommendations to Chad:

- continue its efforts in fighting and preventing torture, with emphasis on criminal legislation to guarantee the absolute nature of the prohibition of torture.
- renew and strengthen efforts towards universalizing access to civil registry.

Finally, Brazil would like to request the Chadian delegation to provide further information on the main challenges concerning the effectiveness of policies aimed at tackling food insecurity at national level.

I thank you, Mr. President.