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

We commend the Mauritian delegation for the comprehensive national report presented.

Brazil was pleased to be informed of the relevant measures taken by the authorities of Mauritius to comply with important recommendations from the last UPR cycle.

Brazil notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Mauritian authorities in order to improve the functioning of its police, especially through the creation of the 'National Policing Strategic Framework' and the 'Professional Standards Department'.

Brazil also appreciates the consistent public policies that Mauritius has been carrying out to eradicate poverty and hunger, namely the programs 'Eradication of Absolute Poverty' and 'Food Security Strategic Plan'.

Notwithstanding the advances mentioned, the country is yet to take important steps. Brazil is especially concerned with the rights of women and children in Mauritius.

Hence, we recommend that Mauritius strengthen its policies of promotion and protection of the rights of women through public policies that foster gender equality in the country.

Brazil also recommends that Mauritius put in place initiatives aimed at raising awareness, especially among professionals who work in the area, about violations of the human rights of children, including sexual abuse.