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STATEMENT

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia to this second cycle of the UPR and commends Cambodia for the presentation of its national report.

We note with satisfaction that, in line with the recommendations received in the first cycle of the UPR, the Royal Government of Cambodia has acceded to the Convention on the rights of persons with Disabilities. Brazil also congratulates Cambodia for the creation of the Action Plan to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, in line with the ILO Convention number 182.

Brazil takes note with appreciation of the guarantees inscribed in Articles 31 and 41 of the Cambodian Constitution. Nevertheless, the restrictions to the freedom of expression under the Press Law are still a matter of concern. Another area that deserves further attention is the persistence of gender-based stereotypes under the Didactic Code, taught in school, which legitimizes the perceived inferior role of girls and women in society.

ENGLISH VERSION – CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation prevalent in the UPR, Brazil wishes to make the following recommendations to the Royal Government of Cambodia:

- 1) To ratify the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education;
- 2) To seek technical assistance from the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and from the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression on possible ways to adjust the Press Law.

Thank you.