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Intervention by Brazil

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Eritrea to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We note with satisfaction that, as a follow-up to its first review by the UPR, the Government of Eritrea has met with the High Commissioner with the objective of exploring avenues for technical assistance to tackle human rights challenges.

We were also pleased to learn that the measures adopted to ban female genital mutilation have resulted in a decrease in the practice. We encourage the Government of Eritrea to continue and strengthen its efforts in enhancing protection of the rights of women and girls.

It is nonetheless a matter of concern that Eritrea is still not a party to some core international human rights treaties. We also regret that, since the first review, no concrete steps were taken to lift restrictions on freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of religion and belief and to release political and religious prisoners.

In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation prevalent in the UPR, Brazil recommends Eritrea:

1. to cooperate with the UN special procedures, especially by responding positively to mandate holders' requests for visits;
2. to take the necessary steps to become a party to all major human rights instruments, including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol.

Finally, Brazil would like to ask the delegation of Eritrea how the international community can effectively assist the Eritrean government in the implementation of UPR recommendations.