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

Brazil commends the Government of Yemen for its efforts to improve the general human rights situation in the country. Brazil takes note with appreciation of the Transitional Program for Stabilization and Development 2012-2014, the restructuring of the Armed Forces, as well as the broad participation of all political forces in the National Dialogue Conference.

In this connection, particularly important are the ongoing endeavors of the Yemenite Government in tackling challenges concerning the independence of the Judiciary.

Brazil appreciated the fact that a substantial section (paragraphs 87 to 124) of the National Report was dedicated to the promotion of the rights of specific groups such as women, children and marginalized persons. In line with Brazil's recommendations on the occasion of Yemen's last review, we encourage the Yemenite Government to persevere in this positive path, mainly through the promotion of empowerment and economic independence of women and by strengthening initiatives such as the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.

Brazil also recommends Yemen to step up its efforts towards the implementation of intersectoral policies with a view to eradicating poverty.

I thank you, Mr. President.