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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Albania to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks for the presentation of their national report.

We note with satisfaction that Albania has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Brazil also congratulates Albania for the implementation of the "National Strategy on Gender Equality, Reduction of Gender-based Violence and Domestic Violence 2011-2015".

Brazil takes note with appreciation of the creation of the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination as well as of the "National Action Plan on Children 2012-2015". Nonetheless, the provision of the Criminal Code that does not exempt children victims of prostitution from being prosecuted is still a matter of concern.

In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation prevalent in the UPR, Brazil wishes to make the following recommendations to the Republic of Albania:

- 1) To amend the Criminal Code in order to contain specific provision stating that a child victim of prostitution should not be prosecuted and criminalizing the offenses of offering, obtaining and providing a child for prostitution;

2) To reinforce national legislation and policies to combat human trafficking, in particular sex trafficking and child labor exploitation.

Thank you, Mr. President.