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Mr. President,

Brazil appreciates Brunei's positive response to its last review recommendations.

We welcome the awareness campaigns against child abuse, as well as the establishment of the Action Team on Child Protection to oversee cases of abuse, including corporal punishment. No less remarkable is the extraterritorial protection of children against sexual exploitation.

It remains, nonetheless, a matter of concern that the country's advances in the field of economic and social rights, such as progress in achieving the MDGs, are not matched by similar improvement in civil and political rights.

Brazil, therefore, recommends that Brunei Darussalam:

- Step up efforts towards respecting the principle of interdependence of human rights. This may be achieved by ratifying international instruments on civil and political rights, and by strengthening national legislation related to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms.
- Strengthen and widen the scope of the above-mentioned actions and programs against ill treatment of children.

I thank you, Mr. President