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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes Costa Rica to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Brazil notes with appreciation the establishment of the Inter-Institutional Commission on Follow-Up to and Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations (CIIDHH), one of Costa Rica's commitments in the first cycle of UPR. We commend the country for the creation of this permanent consultative body designed to ensure follow-up to and compliance with international human rights obligations and the coordination of international human rights initiatives.

Costa Rica's efforts to protect and promote the human rights of children are also noteworthy. Our delegation welcomes the adoption of the National Policy for Children and Adolescents 2009-2021, which aims at enabling them to achieve the highest possible living standard, including through their active role in their own development.

Despite these advances, and in the spirit of cooperation and constructive engagement prevalent in the UPR, Brazil recommends that Costa Rica consider ways to widen and enhance the effectiveness of measures to promote social inclusion and diversity, guaranteeing the full and effective exercise of human rights by indigenous peoples, persons of African descent, migrants and refugees, and eradicating all forms of racial discrimination, racism and xenophobia.

Brazil also welcomes the adoption of the 2010 Immigration Act, which included the principle of non-refoulement and incorporated gender-based persecution as a specific ground for recognition of refugee status, and recommends that Costa Rica ensure that migrants have access to justice, education, health care and safety without discrimination.

Thank you.