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Mr. President,

We take note with appreciation of advances regarding the fight against impunity related to cases of sexual violence in conflict. This is a token of the Congolese Government's commitment to ensure access to justice by victims and to their social reinsertion, in line with cooperation initiatives which involve Brazil, either bilaterally, or together with the OHCHR.

In the field of social rights, we are particularly appreciative of specific programs, such as the provision of medical kits for persons living with HIV-AIDS.

Brazil makes the following recommendations to the Democratic Republic of the Congo:

(i) to continue activities aimed at strengthening the Judiciary and promoting access to justice, including through expanding the provision of free legal aid to victims of sexual violence, training members of the judiciary to fight against sexual violence and promoting awareness raising against the stigmatization of victims;

(ii) to further strengthen specific plans for the demobilization of children and their social reintegration.

I thank you, Mr. President