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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and thanks for the presentation of its comprehensive report.

Brazil notes with appreciation the efforts to improve the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, since the last UPR cycle.

We welcome, in particular, the progress in the protection and promotion of the rights of the child, through the adoption of the Guidelines for handling cases of violence against children.

We stress the need to implement measures to further combat violence and physical punishment against children and to promote access to education to vulnerable groups, such as the Roma children.

We also recognize Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts, as well as its political commitment expressed in the declaration "The Role of the State in Addressing the Issue of Persons Missing as a Consequence of Armed Conflict and Human Rights Abuses", to establish the truth about the missing persons during the 1992-1995 conflict, while emphasizing the need to continue its efforts to identify the remaining 10,000 cases.

Brazil would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Bosnian government:

1. To adopt a national action plan to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), with special attention to the implementation of inclusive education and the promotion of labor market inclusion; and

2. To review national legislation in order to ensure equal political participation for ethnic and religious minorities.

Thank you.