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Brazil welcomes the delegation of El Salvador to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Brazil notes with appreciation the efforts carried out by El Salvador authorities, since the last UPR cycle, to improve the situation of human rights in the country. The ratification by El Salvador of most international human rights instruments is a sign of the country's commitment in this field.

We would like to praise in particular the adoption of the National Policy for the Promotion of the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents.

While recognizing the significant challenges for the protection and promotion of women's rights, we appreciate the progress made in this matter. We were particularly pleased to learn about the implementation of the Program "Ciudad Mujer", which offers psychological and health assistance to women victims of violence, and provides reproductive and sexual advice, along with economic empowering professional courses.

Additional measures could be envisioned to promote and protect human rights in the country, especially on the rights of LGBT persons. Hence, we recommend that El Salvador take concrete measures to strengthen its policies of promotion and protection of the rights of LGBT people, through public policies which combat hatred crimes against those individuals.

Bearing in mind the level of violence against children and adolescents, Brazil also recommends that El Salvador take all necessary steps towards the full implementation of the National System of Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents, including through appropriate funding, as provided for in the aforementioned National Policy.

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