

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**IRAN****INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE****STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
BRAZIL**

Brazil welcomes the Iranian delegation to the UPR.

Brazil recognizes the recent progress observed in the country, particularly in the domain of economic and social rights, and is confident that the Iranian government will maintain and strengthen its policies in this realm.

In order to enhance the effectiveness of recommendations submitted by Brazil and accepted by Iran during its participation in the first UPR cycle, Brazil would like to further recommend:

a. the adoption of comprehensive measures on the protection of women against any form of public or domestic violence and the implementation of a national policy to protect women at risk and to bring perpetrators to justice, as well as the adoption of measures for the protection of human rights defenders and of journalists;

b. We also recommend that Iran, in line with its standing invitation to special procedures, engage with and accept visits of special procedures;

c. Finally, we also recommend the adoption of policies and mechanisms to avoid that members of any religious minority suffer from any kind of discrimination or human rights violation for exerting their right to worship according to their faith.

Thank you.

Geneva, October 31st, 2014