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Universal Periodic Review – 21th Cycle – Grenada

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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Grenada to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Brazil acknowledges the progress achieved by the country since its last review, in 2010. The constitutional reform process which has been in place since 2013, especially for its participatory nature, is noteworthy. We believe such process will lead to a greater enjoyment of the fundamental rights by all Grenadian citizens, particularly with regard to gender equality, right to food, drinking water, health assistance and public basic education.

Notwithstanding these significant advances, the country is yet to take important steps.

LGBT rights require special attention in Grenada, where consensual same-sex conduct may entail up to 10 years of imprisonment. Thus, Brazil recommends that all necessary measures are taken to guarantee that LGBT individuals do not face persecution based on sexual orientation or gender identity, including by decriminalizing same-sex practices in the country.

Another issue of concern is the death penalty. We recommend that the country consider reforming its legislation with a view to abolishing the death penalty. In the meantime, a formal moratorium to such punishment should be adopted.

I thank you, Mr. President.