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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Guinea to the second cycle of the UPR.

We took good note of the efforts undertaken to combat discrimination and violence against women, including practices such as female genital mutilation.

We also welcome the fact that the Constitution enshrines equality between men and women.

Brazil is pleased to learn that the process of ratifying OP-CEDAW is under way and encourages further progress.

We also commend the commitment made by the Guinea delegation during its evaluation by the Committee against Torture, last May, to accede to OPCAT.

We took note with satisfaction of the commitment to extend standing invitations to United Nations human rights special procedures mandate holders and recommend positive replies to all pending requests.

In particular, Brazil recommends that Guinea accept the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, with a view to providing accountability and redress for victims and their families regarding the events which took place on November 28, 2009.

I thank you, Mr. President.