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Mr. President,

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

We commend the incorporation in the Constitution of clauses on economic and social rights as well as the launch of a comprehensive cash transfer program and an ambitious plan on maternal health.

However, significant challenges remain and need to be addressed in fields such as freedom of expression and association, LGBT rights, violence against women and torture.

Hence, Brazil would like to make the following two recommendations to Kenya:

- (i) criminalize torture, in line with its international human rights obligations, and fight extrajudicial executions, through, inter alia, capacity building for state agents;
- (ii) adopt measures to guarantee effective access to protection and redress for women victims of violence, and strengthen the National Commission on Gender Equality in order to fulfill its mandate.

I thank you, Mr. President