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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Kiribati to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and commends the country for their comprehensive national report.

Brazil notes with appreciation the inclusion in the country's constitution of the prohibition of discrimination based on race, color and national origin and welcomes measures taken by the Government to that end. We also praise the establishment of the Ministry of Women, Youth and Social Affairs, through an amendment to the country's constitution.

Brazil also welcomes Kiribati's interest in extending an open invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Notwithstanding these advances, the country is yet to take important steps. Brazil is particularly concerned with the situation of Kiribatian women and children victims of violence and sexual exploitation.

Accordingly, Brazil wishes to recommend that Kiribati:

(1) reinforce its policies and develop specific programs aimed at preventing and effectively responding to domestic violence against women, including cases of rape within the family; and

(2) step up the implementation of existing legislation against sexual exploitation of children and adolescents in the country, as well as in its territorial waters, including through raising public awareness on how to prevent and fight these unacceptable practices.

Thank you.