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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Spain and thanks for the presentation of its comprehensive National Report.

Brazil acknowledges the adoption of the National Strategy for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2013-2016. Regarding the greater risk faced by migrant women, we praise the translation into Portuguese of the guidelines for women victims of gender-based violence.

We also welcome the ongoing improvements in the legislative framework related to the rights of the child, in line with the recommendation made by Brazil during the first cycle.

Brazil would like to reiterate the need to enhance the protection of the human rights of migrants. The reform of the immigration law currently under discussion should avoid measures that could limit these rights.

Restrictions on the right to health of undocumented migrants which resulted from recent legislative reforms are equally a matter of great concern.

The full implementation of the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth and Justice would also be welcomed.

Brazil recommends that Spain:

1. Take concrete steps to ensure that the measures of austerity adopted in face of the economic and financial crisis do not negatively impact economic, social and cultural rights, specially the rights to adequate housing, health, food and education; and

2. Further strengthen measures, including existing legislation, to prevent and combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, and continue to improve national statistics in the area.

Thank you.