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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Malawi to the second cycle of the UPR, and thanks it for its national report.

We acknowledge the significant advances by Malawi, in fostering the alignment of its national laws with its international human rights obligations. We highlight, in this regard, the adoption of specific legislation on human trafficking, which should provide important positive results.

Brazil would like to make the following two recommendations to Malawi:

(1) Review and reform its national legislation with a view to eradicating all discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity;

(2) Step up efforts towards the abolition of the death penalty and the improvement of living conditions of the prison population;

Last but not least, we strongly encourage the Malawian Government to redouble its efforts in the promotion of economic and social rights, including with regard to corruption. The fight against poverty and hunger can greatly contribute to the promotion of all human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President