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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Mongolia to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Brazil commends Mongolia for the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, as recommended by Brazil in the first cycle. We stress the importance of reviewing national legislation, including article 16.1 of the Constitution, to reflect the ratification. We also acknowledge the accession to both ICPPED and OP-CAT.

We welcome the enactment of Laws on Gender Equality and on Fighting Domestic Violence, as well as the implementation of the National Program on the elimination of intolerable forms of child labor, in line with recommendations made by Brazil in the first cycle.

Brazil wishes to recommend that Mongolia:

- 1) implement the Law on Combating Human Trafficking of 2012 and strengthen the law enforcement and judicial system, in order to ensure effective investigation and prosecution of perpetrators and to prevent trafficking;

2) launch a public awareness-raising campaign to fight and prevent discrimination and violence against LGBT persons and to promote tolerance.

We note that most victims of human trafficking are young girls and women, in particular poor and street children, as well as victims of domestic violence, who are subjected to sexual and labor exploitation. We encourage efforts to strengthen the protection of victims, the prosecution of offenders and the training of enforcement officials.

Brazil takes note that the new draft of the Criminal Code introduced a provision on discrimination based on sexual orientation. Violations of human rights, discrimination and violence against LGBT individuals are still a challenge for the country due to traditional patterns and stereotypes.

We highlight differences in health indicators between urban and rural populations, particularly concerning maternal mortality. We encourage Mongolia to develop a national poverty-reduction strategy.

Brazil stresses the importance that the National Human Rights Commission receive adequate human and financial resources.

Thank you.