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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Saint Lucia to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and congratulates the COUNTRY on ITS comprehensive report.

We note with appreciation the efforts carried out by the country's authorities, since the first UPR cycle, to improve human rights on the island.

Brazil congratulates Saint Lucia for joining, in 2014, the Zero Hunger Challenge, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Brazilian Government.

We believe the country is in the right path by gearing their agriculture production to food security, involving all relevant stakeholders, in both public and private sector.

We were also pleased to learn that Saint Lucia has signed important human rights core international instruments, including the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and ratified the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict.

Despite the improvements achieved since the last UPR cycle, the situation of human rights in the country still deserves attention. Thus, Brazil recommends that Saint Lucia:

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1) take concrete steps aiming at abolishing the death penalty and, in the meantime, establish a de-facto moratorium to the practice, engaging in awareness-raising campaigns on human rights, with a particular emphasis on the incompatibility between the death penalty and human rights;

2) take effective measures towards the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation and gender identity, holding accountable individuals responsible for acts of violence committed against LGBTI persons.