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Brazil warmly welcomes the delegation of Sao Tome and Principe to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and congratulates the country for their comprehensive report. We acknowledge the progress achieved since its last review, in 2011. Nonetheless, it is important to stress that additional steps are needed for the protection and promotion of its population's human rights.

Brazil, therefore, recommends that Sao Tome and Principe:

1) take all necessary measures with a view to explicitly prohibiting all forms of corporal punishment of children in all settings, to combat violence and to enhance the promotion of children's rights, dignity and physical integrity;

2) ratify all the core international human rights treaties to which the country is not yet a party, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as well as the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Brazil commends Sao Tome and Principe for the important measures regarding birth registration, an indispensable condition for the realization of other human rights. We were also pleased to learn that Sao Tome and Principe has revised its Penal Code, in 2012, a process which led to the inclusion of specific provisions on sexual abuse, exploitation of minors and child trafficking.

Thank you.