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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Palau to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and commends the country for its national report. We praise the efforts carried out, since the first UPR cycle, to improve the situation of human rights in Palau.

Brazil notes with appreciation the amendments to Palau's Penal Code, in 2014, which decriminalized sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex, a positive step towards the realization of the rights of LGBTI individuals in the country.

We also congratulate Palau for ratifying, in 2013, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, followed by consultations, in partnership with The Pacific Disability Forum and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, aimed at drafting a National Disability Policy.

We recommend that Palau take concrete measures to raise public awareness and further develop legislation to combat domestic violence, especially against women and children, including through the adoption of legislation that prohibits all corporal punishment of children in any setting.

Brazil also recommends that Palau consider ratifying ILO fundamental conventions, and adopt policies to avoid discrimination against foreign workers.

Thank you.