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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Seychelles to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and notes with appreciation the efforts carried out by the country, since the first UPR cycle, to improve the situation of human rights. Despite the progress achieved, additional measures would be warranted.

Thus, Brazil recommends that Seychelles:

1) take concrete measures to fight domestic violence, to prosecute perpetrators and to protect the victims of such practice, as well as to enhance the effectiveness and the financing of the police's specialized unit entitled "Family Squad";

2) review its legislation in order to protect and promote the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including on the internet, also providing protection to journalists against harassment by police and other authorities.

Brazil acknowledges Seychelles efforts to strengthen gender equality, as well as the measures adopted for the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women. In this sense, we welcome the "National Gender Policy and Plan of Action" (NGPPA), as well as the "Gender and Law Manual".

We were also pleased to learn that considerable progress has been made in Seychelles' penitentiary system, including the opportunity for inmates to take training courses. We note with appreciation the implementation, in 2015, of the "Resettlement Day Release Programme" and the "Outreach Programme". Finally, we acknowledge the amendment to the "Probation of Offenders Act, 1996", in 2014.

Thank you.