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Brazil warmly welcomes the delegation of Papua New Guinea to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). We acknowledge the progress achieved since its last review, in 2011. Nonetheless, additional steps are needed for the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Brazil, therefore, recommends that Papua New Guinea:

1) continue and enhance efforts to establish its National Human Rights Commission, with a view to completing and strengthening the country's legal and institutional framework related to human rights;

2) put in place a comprehensive political strategy and develop specific legislation aimed at eliminating violence and discrimination against women, in accordance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

We acknowledge Papua New Guinea's policies and actions regarding the fight against HIV/AIDS, particularly the positive results of the "HIV/AIDS Management and Prevention Act", which has allowed for better access to health services, as well as for raising awareness about the disease and helping combat violence and discrimination.

We also praise Papua New Guinea for the advances in the field of the rights of the child, in particular with regard to the "Lukautim Pikinini (Child's Act)" and the creation of a specialized court and police unit, dedicated to the enforcement and protection of such rights.

Thank you.