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Brazil welcomes Samoa to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and notes with appreciation the efforts carried out by the country since 2011 to improve the situation of human rights. Despite the progress achieved, additional measures would be warranted.

Thus, Brazil recommends that Samoa:

1) ratify international human rights instruments to which it is not yet party, such as 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 their protocols;

2) take all necessary measures to prevent and stop domestic violence, including through providing shelters for persons under threat, in coordination with the "Samoa Victims Support Group".

We acknowledge the steps taken by Samoa to eliminate the worst forms of child labor by reviewing its Labor and Employment Act of 1972.

We were also pleased to learn that Samoa's Office of the Ombudsman and the National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) have published the first report on the state of human rights in Samoa and that the country has signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2014.

Thank you.