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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Saint Vincent and Grenadines to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of its report.

We take note with appreciation of the efforts undertaken by the Government, at the highest level, to protect both foreigners and citizens from the scourge of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Brazil takes this opportunity to praise the Government's awareness raising campaign, launched in 2014, as well as its training program for police, migration and labor officials.

We also appreciate that the country has "de facto" abolished the death penalty, which has not been applied since 1995. It is noteworthy that death rows are empty and no convict awaits execution at this moment. We encourage the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to take concrete steps to formally abolish the death penalty.

- In light of such positive achievements and with a view to further enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights, Brazil wishes to recommend that San Vincent and the Grenadines:
- 1. Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, taking into account the situation of victims of domestic violence in the country; and
- 2. Consider taking steps to decriminalize consensual same-sex relations and abolish any discriminatory legislation and practices against LGBTI people.