



*Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office
and other International Organizations in Geneva*

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Suriname to the second cycle of the UPR.

Brazil praises Suriname for amending the Criminal Code, so as to abolish the application of THE death penalty; for ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and for adopting and implementing laws and policies on gender equality, on the fight against domestic violence and on the rights of persons with HIV/AIDS.

Brazil also welcomes the adoption, as part of Suriname's 2012-2016 Development Plan, of a new set of laws which establish a national social protection system.

Brazil recommends that Suriname ratifies international human rights instruments, particularly (i) the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol; (ii) the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; (iii) the Optional Protocol on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; as well as (iv) ILO Convention 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries. In this regard, it would be important that Suriname undertakes regular consultations with indigenous peoples and maroons and acknowledges their legal personality to claim for their rights, including over land.

Brazil also recommends that Suriname take effective steps for the country's legal framework to protect the rights of LGBTI people.

Thank you.