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*Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office
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Tajikistan**

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Tajikistan to the UPR and
thanks it for the presentation of its National Report.

Brazil wishes to recommend that Tajikistan:

1. Adopt a comprehensive mental health policy and plan of action based on a human rights approach; and
2. Strengthen measures to combat violence against women, including through the assessment of the implementation of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act and its related Programme, and consider seeking international cooperation on this matter.

Following the recommendations made by Brazil during the first cycle, we commend Tajikistan for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW and the adoption of the 2013 Domestic Violence Prevention Act and its related Programme for 2014-2023. Nonetheless, we regret the lack of solid mechanisms for its implementation.

We appreciate the introduction of the definition of torture in article 143 of the Criminal Code, in line with the Convention against Torture. We also recognize Tajikistan engagement with special procedures, especially with regard to the visits to the country by the Special Rapporteur on torture, in 2012 and 2014. We encourage the Tajik Government to further advance in combating and preventing torture and providing adequate compensation to the victims.

Finally, we share the concern expressed by the SR on health regarding the stigmatization and discrimination against people living with mental illness.