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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of its report.

We appreciate it that the country has "de facto" abolished the death penalty, which has not been applied since 1999. We take this opportunity, however, to encourage the country to take concrete steps in order to formally abolish the capital punishment as well as the corporal punishment in its legal system.

We welcome the ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Brazil also praises the efforts undertaken by the Government to reduce violence and discrimination against women.

In light of such positive achievements and with a view to further enhance human rights, Brazil wishes to recommend that Trinidad and Tobago:

1. Consider re-acceding to the American Convention on Human Rights and accepting the contentious jurisdiction of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights; and

2. Take concrete measures with a view to decriminalizing consensual same-sex relations and abolishing any discriminatory legislation against LGBTI people, even if it is not applied in practice.