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## Statement by the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office in the review of Bangladesh during the 44th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

## (Geneva, 13 November 2023)

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh to the fourth cycle of the UPR.

Brazil acknowledges Bangladesh´s commitment to eliminate extreme poverty and encourages the government to maintain its efforts to ensure that the programmes are adequately funded and implemented.

Brazil expresses its appreciation for the country`s efforts to host over one million Rohingya refugees, while stressing the importance of recognizing their legal status in the country.

In a spirit of constructive engagement, Brazil recommends Bangladesh:

1) to establish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, continue its efforts to commute all death sentences and review the application of all relevant laws in that regard; and

2) to ratify the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture and establish an independent mechanism to carry out effective investigations into complaints of torture.

I wish Bangladesh a successful review.

Thank you.