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## Statement by the Permanent the Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in Geneva, during the 44th session of UPR, Tuvalu, November 8th (14h30)

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Tuvalu to the UPR.

We commend Tuvalu for undertaking measures to promote gender equality and address sexual and gender-based violence, in particular through the adoption of the Gender Strategy and Action Plan and the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act.

Brazil notes with appreciation the recent strides made by Tuvalu in reducing child mortality, as well as the amendments to the Education Act and the Island Court Act, which abolished the use of corporal punishment in schools and as a form of criminal sentence.

In a constructive spirit, Brazil recommends that Tuvalu:

1. Enact anti-discrimination reforms of its legislation in order to ensure equal rights for women and men in all areas, including employment, land ownership, inheritance and child custody,

2. Decriminalize same-sex relations among consenting adults and ensure the protection of LGBTI persons from discrimination and stigmatization.

Brazil encourages the country to enhance access for children with disabilities to specialized healthcare, services and education, including through the operationalization of the Disability-Inclusive Education Policy 2021.

It is also important to review and amend the legal and policy frameworks to support the de-institutionalization of persons with mental and intellectual disabilities, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

We welcome Tuvalu’s decision to establish the Office of the Ombudsman as a national human rights institution.

Brazil reiterates its commitment to the continued bilateral technical cooperation with Tuvalu and wishes the country a successful review.