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## Statement by the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office in the review of Mauritius during the 45th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

## (Geneva, 24 January 2024)

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Mauritius.

Brazil acknowledges Mauritius`s commitment to democracy and the international human rights law. We commend the country for ratifying the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Brazil also appreciates the Supreme Court`s decision, which rejected discrimination based on sexual orientation by overturning the provision of the Criminal Code that prohibited consensual sex between men.

In a spirit of constructive engagement, Brazil recommends Mauritius:

1) to enact a new national plan for human rights; and

2) to continue its efforts to close the gap between men and women so to promote equal participation and empowerment of women in the labour market and political institutions.

I thank you.