##

**HRC UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

NIGERIA

##  (Geneva, January 23rd 2024)

## STATEMENT OF BRAZIL

 Mister President,

 Brazil welcomes the Nigerian delegation.

 Brazil congratulates Nigeria for the signing into law of the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act and the establishment of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

 We also praise the Nigerian efforts to combat human trafficking and to implement the National Action Plan on Human Trafficking.

 In a constructive spirit, Brazil recommends that Nigeria:

 1. accelerate efforts to guarantee the right to education, ensuring universal primary education and increasing the schooling rate in secondary education, with a particular attention to girls;

 2. decriminalize same-sex relations and protect the LGBTQIA+ community, with specific policies to combat violence and discrimination against them.

 Brazil also encourages Nigeria to strengthen its National Human Rights Commission and its National Committee against Torture.

 We wish Nigeria an excellent review.

Thank you.