## 

**HRC UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

CYPRUS

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## STATEMENT OF BRAZIL

Mister President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Cyprus.

We congratulate the country on advances on the rights of women, including the 2024-2026 Strategy on Equality of Women and Men, and the 2023-2028 National Action Plan on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women.

Brazil also praises the Cypriot Government for the 2023 amendment to the Criminal Code, making a criminal offence any form of conversion “therapy” aiming at changing or suppressing a person´s sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Brazil recommends that Cyprus:

1) increase its efforts to combat human trafficking, particularly, through the implementation of the 2023-2026 National Action Plan, providing authorities with the necessary know-how and assistance to fulfill the rights of trafficking victims;

2) implement anti-discriminatory policies to strengthen tolerance among different ethnic groups and promote social cohesion, including by taking specific measures, such as temporary special measures, to integrate minorities.

We encourage Cyprus to facilitate family reunification for refugees, as well as for other beneficiaries of state protection.

We wish Cyprus an excellent review.

Thank you.