Universal Periodic Review - DOMINICA

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**BRAZIL**

Brazil welcomes Dominica to the UPR.

Brazil commends Dominica's efforts to advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly through the establishment of a dedicated ministry and the election of the first Indigenous woman as President.

We welcome initiatives aimed at strengthening women's participation in politics and protecting them from all forms of violence, including by the adoption of the Domestic Violence Act in 2024.

We also welcome the decision of the High Court of Dominica to protect the rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals, ruling that criminalization of consensual same-sex relations is unconstitutional.

In a constructive spirit, Brazil recommends that Dominica:

1) Take appropriate measures to address discriminatory attitudes and stigma towards LGBTQIA+ persons, including through comprehensive awareness-raising activities;

2) Step up the implementation of the CRPD by prohibiting discrimination against persons with disabilities and promoting measures to enhance their accessibility in both public and private spaces and ensuring their full social and economic inclusion, particularly in the workforce.

Brazil encourages Dominica to continue its efforts to implement its national action plan to address child sexual abuse, as recommended in the previous cycle.

We also encourage Dominica to ratify the CAT, and the Optional Protocols to the CEDAW, the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

We wish Dominica a successful review.

Thank you.