Universal Periodic Review - NORWAY

**4 November 2024, 9h**

**BRAZIL**

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Norway.

We commend Norway for its commitment to promoting gender equality as a top political priority and acknowledge the recent Action Plan for Women's Rights and Gender Equality in Foreign and Development Policy (2023-2030).

Brazil also commends Norway`s Action Plan for Gender and Sexual Diversity (2023-2026), which outlines measures to enhance the quality of life for LGBTQIA+ individuals, safeguard their rights, and foster acceptance of gender and sexual diversity in society.

In a constructive spirit, Brazil recommends that Norway:

1) Strengthen consultation mechanisms to safeguard the rights of the Sámi indigenous population, as the economic development pressures in the Arctic region may impact the rights and traditional ways of life of Sámi communities.

2) Ensure thorough human rights risk assessments by business entities operating overseas, and strengthen its capacity to assess human rights risks within their host countries.

We also encourage Norway to incorporate the principle of the best interest of the child into all legislation, judicial and administrative decision-making procedures affecting children, ensuring that the deprivation of parental rights are applied as a measure of last resort.

We wish Norway a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.