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## Statement by the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office in the review of Islamic Republic of Iran during the 48th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

## (Geneva, 24 January 2025)

Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

We recognize Iran`s efforts to ensure internet access in the country`s schools, including in remote areas, enhancing educational opportunities and bridging the digital divide.

Brazil also commends the Iranian government for positive results in primary healthcare, with decline in maternal and infant mortality rates, thanks to increased access to medical services and immunization, demonstrating resilience despite significant economic challenges.

In a constructive spirit, Brazil recommends Iran:

1) to take concrete measures to increase women`s representation in decision-making positions, ensure equal opportunities in public affairs, and strengthen women`s political and economic participation at all levels of governance; and

2) to put in place a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, with a view to its abolition.

Brazil remains concerned by reports of human rights violations against women, human rights defenders, and religious and ethnic minorities, including Bahá`ís.

Brazil wishes Iran a successful review.

I thank you.

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