

***Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office***

***and other International Organizations in Geneva***

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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea and commends its constructive participation in this exercise.

In a spirit of cooperation and dialogue, we would like to make the following recommendations:

* Adopt legal and practical safeguards to protect freedom of expression and of assembly; and
* Continue and step up its government’s laudable efforts towards implementation of anti-discrimination laws, in order to fight all kinds of intolerance and Inequality, especially on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity;

Brazil expresses its appreciation for the measures to promote gender equality and prevent gender-based violence. We also support the above mentioned efforts to address issues pertaining to the principle of non-discrimination.

Finally, we praise the efforts undertaken to eradicate poverty, particularly through the Basic Living Security System. The introduction of a disability pension scheme and the enactment of policies to expand public housing are also good examples of the country`s commitment to provide an adequate standard of living for its population.

I thank you.