**Universal Periodic Review**

**3rd cycle**

**Review of Nepal**

**Statement from Brazil**

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Nepal to its UPR and, in a spirit of constructive dialogue, makes the following two recommendations:

(a) to consider revising the local legislation on media and information technology in order to guarantee the full respect to the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

(b) to ensure, in law and practice, the effective combat of sexual violence and the end of discriminatory measures against women and girls, including in policies related to access to justice, attribution of nationality and prevention of trafficking in persons.

Brazil commends Nepal for the successful elections in 2017 and 2018, and for the progress achieved in recent years regarding transitional justice, food security and access to health, including immunization coverage.

We also welcome the measures taken to eliminate harmful practices against women and girls and to criminalize torture and caste-based discrimination offenses.

While recognizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemics, we encourage that further efforts be made to reduce neonatal mortality, to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, migrant workers and refugees, and to combat forced and child labour, as well as child marriage.

We wish Nepal a successful review.

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