**Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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**Review of Saint Lucia**

**Statement by Brazil**

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Saint Lucia and, with a constructive spirit, recommends:

1) To continue efforts to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

2) To strengthen legislation to protect women and girls from violence, including through criminalizing marital rape AND establishing specialized police units
to investigate crimes of violence against women.

Brazil welcomes the ratification of the CRPD and the accession to the Marrakesh Treaty. We encourage seeking technical cooperation with a view to adopting national plans and policies for their full implementation.

Brazil commends the establishment of the National Coordinating Committee for Human Rights, Saint Lucia`s own NMRF.

We also welcome the efforts to ensure access to water, food and healthcare, as well as to combat child labour and poverty. We praise, in particular, the water supply projects and the assistance provided to impoverished households.

Brazil takes note of Saint Lucia`s efforts to address violence and discrimination against women and girls and to mitigate all forms of child abuse, including the abolition of corporal punishment in educational settings.

We wish Saint Lucia a successful UPR.