**Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

**3rdcycle - 38th session**

**Review of Latvia**

**Statement by Brazil**

Madam President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Latvia to its UPR and makes the following two recommendations:

(1) to step up efforts to promote the integration of ethnic and language minorities in society.

(2) to guarantee the automatic acquisition of citizenship by all children born IN the territory of Latvia who would otherwise be stateless.

We welcome measures adopted to promote gender equality and to prevent maternal mortality, and we take note with appreciation of the growth on the participation of women in politics. Considering the reported increase in domestic violence during the pandemic, we encourage further actions to assist victims.

We are also concerned about reports of victims of trafficking in persons not being recognized as such and being treated as irregular migrant women.

We acknowledge steps taken to protect privacy and personal data, to provide more inclusive access to education to students with special needs, and to strengthen the work of the Ombudsman Office.

Thank you.