**Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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**Review of Palau**

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**Statement by Brazil**

Brazil welcomes Palau to the UPR and, with a constructive spirit, recommends:

1) to speed up efforts to complete the ratification of all international human rights treaties it has signed, especially those considered as core international human rights instruments; and

2) to take further steps to strengthen and fully operationalize its National Human Rights Committee and the Office of the Ombudsperson, including through providing additional financial and human resources and seeking international cooperation in support of their institution building.

Brazil commends progress achieved by Palau since its last review, including the ratification of ILO Convention nº 182 on the elimination of the worst forms of child labor and the adoption of the Palau Climate Change Policy.

We also praise Palau`s significant efforts in protecting its citizens and residents from the COVID-19 pandemic and its social and economic impacts, especially given its circumstances as a small island developing State.

Brazil encourages Palau to take further measures to protect the rights of the child, mainly by raising the minimum age of criminal liability and forbidding all forms of corporal punishment against children in accordance with the CRC.

We also encourage Palau to consider ratifying the 1954 and 1961 conventions on the stateless persons and reduction of statelessness and to ensure that all children born in Palau may become Palauan nationals to avoid statelessness.

We wish Palau a successful review.

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