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Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Brazil and thanks it for its National Report.

We commend the government’s efforts to protect human rights. At the same time, we regret to note the shrinking of civic space, deterioration of the freedom of expression, continued attacks against journalists and human rights defenders.

Lithuania wishes to offer following recommendations to Brazil:

* One, to establish a *National Human Rights Institution* in accordance with the *Paris Principles*.
* Two, to ensure that threats and attacks against journalists, media workers and human rights defenders are investigated, and perpetrators are brought to justice.
* Three, to provide legal protection to children against all forms of violence, particularly gender-based, sexual and psychological violence in education settings.

We wish Brazil a successful review.

I thank you.