Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Philippines to the fourth cycle of the UPR.

With a spirit of constructive dialogue, Brazil recommends the Philippines:

(i) to develop additional policies to protect women against all forms of gender-based violence, especially women and girls with disabilities,

(ii) to ratify the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Brazil acknowledges with appreciation the imminent visits of the Special Rapporteurs on the sale and sexual exploitation of children and on freedom of opinion and expression to the country.

We commend the Philippines for the creation of the Department of Migrant Workers, as well as for the adoption of the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act.

We encourage the country to adopt additional measures to conduct prompt, impartial, thorough, transparent investigations into extrajudicial executions as well as to strengthen the Inter-Agency Committee on that matter.

We wish the Philippines a successful review.