**National Statement, delivered by Permanent Representative, Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, during the 4th UPR Review of Brazil**

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Mr. President,

We thank and welcome the delegation of Brazil and presentation of its 4th UPR report. We commend Brazil’s cooperation with the UN Special Procedures and the UPR mechanism.

Recognizing the gravity of COVID related socio-economic challenges, we appreciate Brazil’s efforts to strengthen social protection systems and providing relief to the most affected.

We also welcome the legislative, policy and administrative measures such as National Program to Combat Violence against Children, the National Plan against Femicide and the enactment of Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination and Related Forms of Intolerance, among others.

We have the following recommendations:

* Continue to take measures to strengthen mechanisms guaranteeing better protection of rights of children, women and indigenous peoples; and
* Further reinforce the social protection and welfare programs initiated to alleviate poverty and ameliorate the socioeconomic conditions of the most vulnerable groups.

I thank you!