**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the delegation of Brazil and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate the active role of Brazil in the Human Rights Council and recognize its extensive cooperation with international and regional mechanisms of human rights protection.

Bulgaria highlights the exceptional social measures taken by the Government to mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and provide emergency aid to the most vulnerable groups of the population.

We welcome that Brazil has become observer country in the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2021.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take further measures to strengthen the Federal Public Defender’s Office and the state Public Defenders’ Offices, and ensure their effective functioning;
2. Continue efforts to promote participation of women in senior positions of power and decision-making at the federal, state and local levels;
3. Develop a federal strategy for inclusive education of children with disabilities, covering all levels of education.

We wish the Delegation of Brazil a successful review!

Thank you!