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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands commends the Government of Brazil on its commitment to promoting and protecting human rights, to the defence of democracy, and a well-functioning state under the rule of law.

The Netherlands is concerned about the environment for civil society, the rights of women and trans persons, as well as unjustified restrictions on human and environmental rights defenders, journalists and media workers.

The Netherlands recommends Brazil to:

1. Rebuild the system of participation of CSOs in public policy councils, and to oppose legislative proposals, such as Bills 1595/2019, 732/2022, 733/2022 and 272/2016 that aim to increase the “anti-terrorism” legislation concerning social movements and civil society organizations.

2. Ensure that acts of intimidation, violence and reprisals against CSOs and human and environmental rights defenders, journalists, and media workers are promptly and thoroughly investigated by creating a transparent monitoring mechanism with adequate funding and capacity.

The Netherlands wishes Brazil success with the follow-up of all recommendations it receives during this fourth UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mister President.