**Statement by Romania**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Brazil’s delegation and wishes it a successful outcome of the UPR.

We appreciate Brazil’s positive developments since the last UPR and would like to constructively address Brazil the following recommendations:

1. Withdraw the 7 legislative proposals processed within the Brazilian Parliament that risk causing irreversible damage to Brazil’s eco-system and to persons belonging to indigenous peoples;
2. Implement previously addressed recommendations in view of reducing the level of violence and discrimination against persons belonging to indigenous peoples, to traditional communities and persons in vulnerable situations, including children, women and persons with disabilities;
3. Adopt a Human Rights Defenders law to ensure effective protection for the Human Rights Defenders and journalists from reprisals and killings;
4. Undertake measures for improving public safety and educational conditions in schools, for alleviating food insecurity and ensuring access to affordable and accessible social housing.

We commend Brazil’s progress among others in the cooperation with the UN Special Procedures, in fighting discrimination against LGBTIQ and efforts towards alleviating the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Mr. President!