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**Statement by Slovakia**

14 November 2022

President,

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

We commend establishment of the National Action Plan against Feminicide adopted in 2021 to step up action against this phenomenon and encourage national authorities to Action Plan’s full implementation.

Also, we take good note of measures to provide relief to the most vulnerable groups such as refugees and migrants, especially to those leaving Venezuela.

Slovakia acknowledges significant socio-economic impact of pandemic on Brazilian population. To ease the burden on those most affected, we welcome the adoption of the government program "Bolsa família" and the "Auxílio Brasil".

Slovakia offers the following recommendations to Brazil for further consideration:

* To strengthen protection of freedom of expression and media freedom, and to improve environment for free and independent journalists, including those focusing on corruption.
* To take further steps to stop violence against environmental defenders, and to ensure justice for those trying to protect their land and resources.

We wish Brazil a successful review.

I thank you, President.