**Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

**32nd Session (3rd cycle) - Review of Yemen**

**Brazil**

Mr. President,

Brazil thanks the delegation of Yemen for its presentation.

Brazil recommends Yemen to:

(1) re-open the Sanaa airport and all ports, and lift unnecessary import restrictions, thus ensuring free, rapid and unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid and timely medical evacuations; and

(2) fully co-operate with the Group of Eminent Experts.

We are deeply concerned that the armed conflict and the humanitarian crisis have hindered progress. It is important to consider their long-term mental health impact in the country in all peace efforts.

Despite the significant increase in poverty due to the conflict, we recognize Yemen’s will to develop programmes to alleviate poverty, as Brazil had recommended.

Brazil commends the Stockholm agreement and strongly encourages all parties to engage in good faith with the peace process. All sides in Yemen and their supporters must make every effort to protect civilians, including by strictly observing the principles of distinction, proportionality and necessity.

Thank you.