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**Statement from Brazil**

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Qatar and, in constructive spirit, recommends:

1. to adopt specific legislation to criminalize violence against women, in particular domestic violence, and strengthen related awareness-raising campaigns and public policies; and
2. to criminalize the retention by employers of passports of migrant workers, reinforcing recent progress in labour rights.

We congratulate Qatar for progress since its last review, despite challenging circumstances. We commend Qatar’s accession to ICCPR and ICESCR.

Brazil recognizes measures against human trafficking and encourages Qatar to ratify the 1951 convention on refugees.

We commend the law granting permanent residency to children of Qatari women and foreigners; and look forward to Qatari women passing on their citizenship to their children on an equal basis with men.

Brazil encourages Qatar to reinforce the fight against discrimination, including through a legal definition of racial discrimination in line with ICERD.

Thank you.