**Universal Periodic Review**

**3rd cycle**

**Review of Kuweit**

**Statement from Brazil**

Monsieur Vice-Président,

Brazil welcomes Kuwait and recommends:

1 - to strengthen the protection of the rights of migrant workers, particularly domestic workers, including by creating a specialized labour inspection body and criminalizing the retention of passports by employers;

2 - to intensify efforts to erradicate statelessness, through measures to accelerate regularization of "Bidoon" individuals and to provide them with full access to documentation and social services.

We are concerned with the end of the de facto moratorium on the death penalty and encourage steps towards its abolition.

Brazil appreciates Kuwait’s initiatives on the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities. We encourage legislative reforms to criminalize violence against women and to ensure full equality of rights on marriage, divorce and custody.

We wish Kuwait a successful review.