**Universal Periodic Review**

**3rd cycle**

**Review of the United States**

**Statement from Brazil**

Madam President,

Brazil welcomes the US delegation to the third cycle of the UPR.

In a constructive spirit, Brazil wishes to make the following recommendation:

- take steps to ensure that competent authorities at the state level refrain from enacting new laws which unduly restrict the right to freedom of peaceful assembly.

As noted by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, there was, as at March 2017, a significant number of legislative proposals at the state level aimed at criminalizing or impeding freedom of peaceful assembly and expression.

We commend the US government for its efforts to address the recommendations made in the second cycle on topics like domestic implementation of international treaties, promoting civil rights and fighting racial discrimination, among others.

Particularly noteworthy is the commitment to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violence against women as evidenced by legislation and policies such as the Women, Peace, and Security Strategy introduced in June, 2019.

I thank you