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Mr. Chairman, Madam High Commissioner, Distinguished Members of the Delegation of Brazil!

My delegation thanks the delegation of Brazil for the comprehensive documentation provided and the presentation it has made. These clearly attest to the sincerity and zeal with which Brazil has pursued the objective of promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr. Chairman,

The National Report of Brazil mentions the initiative undertaken in 2007 with a view to developing a National System of Human Rights Indicators. This proposal has far reaching implications going beyond the national level as it would significantly facilitate the monitoring of the actual implementation of human rights at all levels. My delegation would wish to know the present status of the proposal and if any pilot projects have been carried out targeting specific areas covered by the National Human Rights Programme of Brazil? Further, would these be used by the several National Human Rights Councils - the permanent subject oriented forums which are tasked, inter alia, with the oversight of public policies in the field of human rights?

We have also noted with interest the Brazilian constitutional amendment that entered into force in 2005 which provides for granting of constitutional status to those international human rights norms which have been approved by the prescribed majority in a legislative proceeding. My delegation would be interested in knowing of instances where this amendment has been applied.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.