Brazil VNR Statement

We acknowledge the efforts of the Brazilian Government to implement SDG 18, promoting ethnic-racial equality and combating racism, and we urge that this initiative be strengthened nationally and scaled globally.

Overcoming inequality requires moving beyond fiscal austerity toward tax justice - taxing the super-rich and reviewing exemptions - to expand financing for social policies.

In this regard, we ask what concrete measures the State has adopted to ensure the effective participation of women, particularly from historically discriminated groups, in shaping and monitoring public policy. We also seek clarification on efforts to address the sharp rise in femicide.

We further ask what measures combat fake news and disinformation while strengthening national sovereignty, democracy, and the protection of vulnerable groups.

We recommend that public security forces at all levels act in an integrated manner and receive periodic human rights and racial-literacy training, delivered by secular institutions.

Despite important progress, People of African Descent, Quilombola communities, Indigenous Peoples, Roma Peoples, and other traditional communities still face obstacles to the full exercise of their rights. It is essential to strengthen targeted policies, confront structural racism, and guarantee their territorial, socioeconomic, cultural, and environmental rights.

In this context, we underscore the urgency of addressing environmental racism, which disproportionately exposes these groups to inadequate sanitation, territorial contamination, water insecurity, the climate crisis, and displacement caused by large-scale development projects.

Finally, we ask how the State ensures the comprehensive protection of children, particularly regarding the regulation of technology, social media, and the influence of big tech.