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Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by thanking the Committee for the opportunity to speak today.

One example is the recent launching of the “National Pact to Curb Violence Against Women”, which addresses, among others, sexual exploitation of women and the trafficking in young women and girls; human rights of women in prison, including access to the judicial system; the protection of sexual, reproductive and maternity rights and the reform of women's correctional facilities The Plan also encompasses a

women and women of African descent. The Pact is a result of a broad and democratic process, in which all relevant stakeholders had the opportunity to actively participate.

A major breakthrough in curbing violence against women was the enactment of the so called “Maria da Penha Law” Such legislation was named after a Brazilian woman

Let me conclude by welcoming the recent adoption of the General Assembly