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Interactive Dialogue – Right to Food and Adequate Housing

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Mister President,

Brazil welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living.

Ms. Raquel Rolnik, in this latest report, presents the concept of **security of tenure** as a cornerstone of the right to adequate housing.

We thank Ms. Rolnik for bringing such an important topic to the attention of the Council and for providing us with a legal and practical framework for this debate, particularly in a time of economic crisis and surge of unemployment in countries where social security is progressively being weakened.

As pointed out by the Special Rapporteur, **security of tenure** matters because it brings security to families and individuals.

It gives people certainty about what they can do with their land or home, offers protection from displacement and enables access to public services and benefits. The lack of **security of tenure** leaves vulnerable groups even more vulnerable and under high risk of human rights violations.

Brazil is aware of the importance of addressing its challenges in the area of security of tenure, particularly in light of mega sporting events to be hosted by Brazil. Multiple ministries are working hard under the coordination of the Federal Government to fulfill our human rights obligations as we prepare the country to the challenges ahead of us.

The national programme “My House My Life” (Minha Casa Minha Vida) aims at addressing the housing deficit by providing low-income families with the means to acquire their own houses.

The Brazilian growth acceleration program (PAC) gives priority to investments in the areas of infrastructure, logistics, energy and social development, aiming at improving the conditions of life of those living in informal settlements.

Mr. President,

Brazil follows with concern the developments in the OPTs. We congratulate Ms. Rolnik for addressing in her report the existing serious challenges of housing and adequate housing in Israel and Palestine. We encourage Israel and Palestine to listen to Ms. Rolnik and follow through on her recommendations.

We agree that there is a need for more specific and comprehensive human rights and operational guidance on security of tenure and support further action of the Council on the issue.

We would like to ask Mrs. Rolnik what are the next steps she envisages for the discussion of the topic and how member states can further contribute to her work.

Let me conclude by referring to Mr. De Schutter's report which will be carefully examined by the different areas of the Brazilian Government. We look forward to working closely with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food this year. We register with satisfaction the approach and recommendations with a view to address women and girls' needs and priorities in their food security strategies.