

**First Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent
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STATEMENT OF BRAZIL

Ms. Chairman,

Brazil is committed to the fight against racism and social disparities, and the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent is undoubtedly a key step in this endeavour.

As a platform for the exchange of experiences addressing discrimination, Brazil supported the creation of the Forum and we are confident that it will fully serve its mandate as advisory body to the Human Rights Council, according to the GA Resolution 75/314.

We commend the efforts in New York and in Geneva to observe the regional representation to the composition of the Forum. Brazil congratulates all members for their designation, in particular those from Latin America. Your competence and expertise are fundamental to promote awareness, integration and coordination of activities related to people of African descent within the UN system.

Brazil also highlights the importance of advancing the elaboration of a draft UN declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent, as an important deliverable of the programme of activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent. My delegation appreciates your contributions to the draft during the 20th session of the Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action last October. Brazil expects that the international community will be up to its commitment to present a comprehensive and consensual text by 2024.

Finally, Brazil looks forward to working constructively during this 1st session, collecting all valuable contributions from other delegations and from civil society.

Thank you.