

I thank you, Madam Chair, good afternoon, I am Carolina Almeida, I am a representative of the Brazilian NGO, Geledés - Black Women institute. Today we are here to emphasize that stopping and fighting racism is everyone's responsibility. And it requires combating the complex system of discriminatory practices that perpetuates racial inequalities. In order to mitigate the deeply rooted dynamics of systemic racism, it is imperative that systemic actions are taken to dismantle the biased racial hierarchy in which we live in. Systemic racism must be addressed by effective, efficient and evidence-based public policies for us, the people of African descent. Evidence-based policy development is a matter of equity and commitment to democracy and to the human rights principles and agreements. We also want to emphasize that Reparatory justice is a crucial instrument to confront racism. We have been continuously subject to historical socioeconomic inequalities originated by the systemic racism that blocks our economic ascension. Aiming the transformation of these dynamics into a more just and equitable reality, **the States must adopt policies that guarantee a conditional universal basic income**. This guarantee of income as a fundamental right, will contribute to the consolidation of citizenship and trigger the social process of autonomy and individual freedom that promotes greater enjoyment of civil, social and political rights. I thank you!