

Item 4: General Debate

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Thank you. My name is Gabriel Dantas, representing Geledés – Black Woman Institute from Brazil.

First of all, we can celebrate certain actions in the fight against racism, such as the establishment of the Working Group on addressing racism in the workplace at the UN Geneva. However, in the Brazilian context, besides some actions taken by the Ministry of Race Equality, we don't have much to celebrate. Let me show some data to illustrate why.

The Annual Report on Public Security in Brazil for 2023 indicates that almost 2,500 children and adolescents were victims of homicides. 67.1% of victims aged 11 or younger were black; the percentage rose to 85.1% for those aged 12 to 17. The Institute of Applied Economic Research from Brazil indicates that from 2011 to 2021, 445,527 black people were killed. Women in prisons in Brazil, especially those of African descent, don't have their right to health respected. Sometimes, they need to use bread crusts as sanitary pads.

These are just a few examples of violations suffered by people of African descent in Brazil.

In view of this, the Permanent Forum should make the Human Rights Council aware of this situation and suggest the creation of a new country-specific mechanism to focus on overcoming racism in Brazil.