



*Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office
and other International Organizations in Geneva*

**Human Rights Council
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Human Rights and the 2030 Agenda**

Mr. President,

Brazil is convinced that the fulfillment of human rights at all levels is essential for the achievement of the SDGs. On the other hand, we believe that human rights do not operate in a vacuum and therefore their interdependence and interrelationship with the SDGs is key.

As for implementation, we wish to highlight the essential role of civil society as was the case in the very process of shaping the SDGs and Agenda 2030.

The Brazilian Government has engaged in discussions with national stakeholders on how to advance the Agenda, mainly through a human rights-based approach. To that end, the National Human Rights Council, which has equal representation from government and civil society, has

played an important role in fostering and monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Brazil.

We also believe that the business sector is an essential player in the process of implementing the 2030 Agenda with a human rights perspective. In that connection, the Brazilian Government has taken steps to advance the linkage between business and human rights nationally, with active participation of the private sector.

In 2018, the Brazilian Government published a guide for practitioners called "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals: Progress and Challenges". The publication elaborates on the close relation between the SDGs and the Universal Declaration and highlights that the implementation of the SDGs will greatly contribute to the realization of all human rights, be they political, civil, economic, social or cultural.

Finally, we wish to reiterate the importance of social participation as a fundamental tool for the exercise of democracy and active citizenship and reaffirm our commitment to leave no one behind in our efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you.