Mr. President,

Brazil is present to this edition of the Social Forum with an expressive delegation, from diverse government organs and spheres, which includes our National Secretaries for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and for Accessibility and Urban Programs, a distinguished member of our National Audit Court, as well as the Operations' Manager of our National Civil Aviation Agency.

This delegation is representative of our commitment to the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities, both in the national and international levels.

Mr. President,

We have been firmly engaged with the whole UN System in all its braches related to the rights of persons with disabilities. In August 2015, Brazil was evaluated by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It was an opportunity for a frank dialogue among the United Nations, our Government and our vibrant civil society.
Besides presenting our advances since the ratification of the Convention, at the level of constitutional text, we received meaningful recommendations from the Committee, which will help us enhance our efforts toward the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

We praise the mentions made today to the importance of Rio+20 for the recognition of persons with disabilities as active players in the context of sustainable development.

It is also of paramount importance to recognize the role to be carried out by persons with disabilities in the context of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Guarantying the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities will allow us to not leave anyone behind.

We praise the realization of this edition of the Social Forum, in the light of the ten-year anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We reiterate our understanding that the Convention should guide all actions related to the advancement of such rights, given its role as a universal standard and a collective agreed benchmark against which progress is to be measured.

Even if a considerable number of ratifying States was achieved in a short period of time, the implementation of the Convention still faces difficulties on the terrain. Thus, we reiterate the importance of promoting the inclusion of the rights of persons with disabilities in the national agendas.

Finally, I would like to reinforce Brazil's understanding believes that social inclusion and accessibility are preconditions for persons with disabilities both to realize their rights and to overcome barriers in their way to full citizenship, particularly through autonomy, on equal footing of opportunities with other individuals.

We wish all the participants a very productive Social Forum.