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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women – and, with reference to the communication CEDAW/TWGCGM/2019/1, issued on April 8, 2020, has the honor to transmit herewith the comments of the Brazilian government to the draft General Recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**RESPONSE TO THE LETTER CEDAW/TWGCGM/2019/1, ISSUED BY THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON APRIL 8, 2020, THAT INVITED
STATE PARTIES TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE DRAFT GENERAL
RECOMMENDATION ON TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE
CONTEXT OF GLOBAL MIGRATION.**

Thankful to the opportunity to review the CEDAW draft General Recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, the Brazilian government is pleased to present to the consideration of the Committee the following comments:

(1) In general terms, the draft GR presented is aligned with policies and programmes implemented by the Brazilian government in the fight against human trafficking, especially trafficking of women and girls, as well as with the national legislation on migration.

(2) However, the National Secretariat for Global Protection of the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights (SPG/MMFDH) highlighted that neither the figure of an independent National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking (recommendation contained in paragraph 30-b), nor a special compensation fund for victims of and witnesses to trafficking (recommendation contained in paragraph 96-e) are foreseen in the Brazilian legislation. Nevertheless, it should be noted that the rights concerning the access to justice and the access to compensation are ensured to victims of human trafficking in Brazil (in the latter case, regardless of the existence of a specific fund for that purpose).

(3) The SPG/MMFDH also made reservations to the statement that the trafficking of women and girls is a “threat to international peace and security” (paragraph 33), bearing in mind that such classification could have implications in light of Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
