

**Oral Statement by Nord-Sud XXI
on the UPR Report of Brazil
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Nord-Sud XXI welcomes the UPR Report on Brazil.

Nord-Sud XXI notes that Brazil has been a leading example of good practices in relation to poverty alleviation and especially in relation to protecting the right to health of its people. In fact, Brazil is perhaps the leading example of how law can be used to achieve greater respect for the human right to health. Not only has Brazil's constitutional right to health been effective in providing concrete improvements in health care across social and economic strata, but the relatively recent creation of the Special Secretariat of Indigenous Health in 2010, by law, is already having an impact on the improvement of the health of some of the most vulnerable people in Brazil. We encourage Brazil to play a leading role in promoting the right to health, not only in this Council, but also in the Assembly of the World Health Organization, the member of the United Nations family that has the special expertise in health and the primary task of improving health for all around the world.

Nord-Sud XXI notes the increasing influence of Brazil on the international stage. We had a welcomed opportunity to participate in Rio+20 Conference in Rio de Janeiro this past June and to see first hand the significant developments in the social, economic, and political fields. We note that Brazil's development success also brings with it enhanced responsibilities both to its most vulnerable people and to those less fortunate everywhere in the world. In this regards, we look forward to Brazil fostering an environment of solidarity and cooperation with its partners and even more generally among the diverse actors in the international community.