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**EXPLANATION OF VOTE**

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Brazil recognizes the need to realize the objectives of the International Year of the Family and to develop approaches and implement concrete measures and approaches to address national priorities in dealing with family issues, based on international human rights law.

We also note the importance of designing, implementing and monitoring family-oriented policies, especially in the areas of poverty eradication, full employment and decent work, work-family balance, social integration and intergenerational solidarity, and elimination of domestic violence, through a human rights based approach.

Therefore, it is our understanding that the purpose of the panel is to promote a discussion on ways to guarantee, according to international human rights law, the rights of individuals to freely form, nurture and live in a family that is in accordance with his/her individual consent.

We would like to underscore that, as contained in Resolution 7/29 of this Council, "in different cultural, social and political systems, various forms of family exist".

Thank you.

