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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 Permanent Missions of the Member States of the Human Rights Council and has the honour to inform that Brazil, in coordination with the Permanent Mission of Haiti, is proposing the holding of a Special Session of the Human Rights Council next Wednesday, January 27, 2010, to address “The support of the Human Rights Council to the Recovery Process in Haiti after the Earthquake of January 12, 2010: a Human Rights Approach.”

Given the serious challenges posed to the protection and promotion of human rights in Haiti by the fateful events of last January 12, it is critical that the Human Rights Council, as the main human rights body of the United Nations, fulfils its responsibility to “respond promptly to human rights emergencies”, as established in paragraph 5(f) of General Assembly Resolution 60/251.

A Special Session will provide an opportunity to share common efforts and to underscore the importance of supporting the Government and the people of Haiti in the process of recovery ahead. It

will provide a useful forum to discuss and address issues arising from the situation, such as access to food, drinkable water and medical care, the situation of vulnerable groups such as children, women and elderly, and internally displaced people, among others.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil has the honour to request the support of the Members of the Human Rights Council to the convening of the aforementioned Special Session, in accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly Resolution 60/251. A list of co-sponsors of the Special Session is attached to this Note for signature and can be returned by fax (022 910 07 51) or by e-mail (mission.brazil@delbrasgen.org) to the Permanent Mission of Brazil.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.



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To the Missions of the Member States of the Human Rights Council
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