INTERVENTION BY BRAZIL

Mr. President,

Brazil is deeply concerned with the human rights situation in Myanmar. We supported the convening of this 5th Special Session of the Human Rights Council as a way of reaching a constructive solution to the situation in that country.

Brazil believes that the results of this Special Session will be important to strengthen cooperation between Myanmar and the new Human Rights Council as well as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. In our view Special Sessions in the context of the new Human Rights Council can be essential tools to foster as an open dialogue between the country concerned and UN Human Rights bodies and mechanisms.

We are hopeful that the present Special Session will lead the international community towards constructive, balanced, result-oriented solutions to the human rights violations in Myanmar.
With this approach in mind, Brazil welcomes the openness of the government of Myanmar to the visit of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ibrahim Gambari.

Brazil considers essential full cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro. We highlight the usefulness of an assessment by the Special Rapporteur of the current situation in Myanmar.

We are convinced of the importance of the continued cooperation by the government of Myanmar with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The initial proposed text presented by the EU is a solid basis for broadening understanding among Council members and observers.

We are hopeful that an effective text will emerge, capable of balancing both a call to the State concerned to restrain the use of violence and an incentive to involve the local government in a national reconciliation process. These are two essential elements to further narrow down differences and open the way towards consensus.

We are hopeful this road will be followed and a promising outcome of this Special Session will arise.

I thank you Mr. President.