

Mr. Chair,

The document prepared for this agenda item mentions the existence of an interagency committee for protection against sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. Habitat focal points reportedly participated in training sessions held in Brindisi, Nairobi and Geneva last year. The following new activities are listed for the last 12 months: the preparation of a plan and action to prevent and respond to cases of harassment and abuse; the dissemination of information on the subject to employees; and the conduct of research on perspectives and experiences.

Brazil takes the floor on this item, in line with what we did in previous sessions, to reiterate the critical importance of the issue, so that it does not go unnoticed; to request available details on the plan prepared, and on the results of the research conducted; and to ask the whether, in the last year, there have been any formal reports of new cases of misconduct (there were 14 in 2024) and of cases of possible sexual exploitation and abuse (there was one complaint in 2024).

Thank you.