

## Mrs. Marta Machado Opening Speech at the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the CND *National Secretary for Drug Policy and Asset Management*

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates;

Ten years ago, the UNGASS on the World Drug Problem affirmed that drug policies must be grounded in human rights, public health, and development. Today, this Commission has an opportunity to reaffirm that commitment, serving as a space for dialogue, cooperation, and bridge-building.

In a context of rising inequalities, persistent armed violence and growing geopolitical tensions, advancing effective drug policy requires evidence and human rights-based policies, confronting the structural drivers that shape vulnerability, illicit markets and the recruitment of young people by organized crime.

In our 2024 Pledge4Action, Brazil committed to strengthening national prevention strategies that prioritize communities subjected to historical and persistent forms of discrimination — including racism, gender inequality and xenophobia.

Today, Brazil deepens this commitment and claims that addressing these structural realities must remain central to our collective response.

This year, we bring to the commission, through a Conference Room Paper, the framework of Comprehensive Prevention System, which stems from the public policies Brazil is implementing since 2023 – from the Amazon to urban peripheries throughout the entire country.

**Our pledge is clear: prevention must move from fragmented and individual interventions towards structural, territorial and integrated responses that address the social determinants of vulnerabilities and reduce harm. It means breaking the silos between drug use prevention and crime prevention - integrating public security, sustainable development and public health in a human rights approach.**

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Therefore, a comprehensive prevention system is key for drug policies that are committed to transforming territories, promoting equality, and ensuring a better future for young generations.

Mr Chair,

Brazil is deeply concerned that under the guise of combatting drug trafficking, military actions have been carried out unilaterally in violation of fundamental principles of international law, in particular the prohibition of the use and threat of force, and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

Such actions constitute an extremely dangerous precedent for peace and security and for the norms-based international order, and it also endangers the civilian population.

Brazil believes it is possible to build a drug policy that is simultaneously effective and humane; firm in confronting organized crime and fully committed to rights and public health; focused on people and attentive to structural inequalities.

We call this Commission to bear in mind the human rights frameworks developed in Geneva, as reaffirmed in Human Rights Council Resolution 60/26.

We look forward to working alongside all partners to advance these efforts and to contribute, collectively, to more peaceful, inclusive and resilient societies.

Thank you.