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Item 3 General Debate**

**The implementation of the World Programme for Human Rights Education in Brazil**

Thank you, Ms. President,

The Institute for Development and Human Rights would like to commend the High Commissioner for this Evaluation of the implementation of the third phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (WPHRE).

IDDH, a Brazilian NGO which has been promoting HRE for 16 years and is part of the NGO Working Group of HRE and Learning, would like to congratulate Brazil's entry into the Platform for HRE and Learning of this Council and for sending the current report, since it did not send the midterm in 2017.

Unfortunately, we are here today to say that HRE policies are no longer priorities within the country. Brazil mentioned in the report policies that have been emptied or extinguished from 2019 until now, such as:

1. That HRE is integrated into the curricula of basic education, when the debate on gender and sexual orientation was removed from the main national Education documents;
2. In relation to higher education, mentions the University Pact for the Promotion of Diversity and Human Rights, when this program, which already had more than 300 universities, was terminated in 2019;
3. About media professionals, mentions the Guidelines for HRE and a manual on international HR standards about freedom of expression, when these professionals have been repeatedly attacked, by the President, Ministers and family members.

We conclude by stating, as Special Rapporteur Mr. Tunkac addressed in his report, that Brazil is experiencing a major setback in relation to human rights in general and the expectations for the future of HRE are not the best. Thanks.

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