Speech by H.E. Ms Eleonora Menicucci de Oliveira, Minister of Policies for Women, at the General Discussion of the 56^{th} Session of the Comission on the Status of the Women (CSW).

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Madam Chairperson,

Honorable Ministers,

Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Representatives of feminist movements and women's rights organizations.

The Brazilian delegation's participation in the 56th session of the Commission on Status of Wome

coordinated by the Ministry of Policies for Women and by the Ministry of Agrarian Development.

This agenda is also the result of a strongly expressive movement of women's

and traditional communities. We are also structuring a network of mobile services which will complement the already existing network in order to assist victims of violence.

With regards to health services, we have made important progress with the implementation of mobile units for preventative medicine which provide training about breast and uterine cancer, maternity protection, and promote sexual and reproductive rights.

Although millions of poor people have attained better life conditions, 16 million people still live below the poverty line. Launched by President Dilma Rousseff, the "Brasil Sem Miséria" (Brazil Without Poverty) Program integrates other national policies. Women are not only beneficiaries of conditional income transfer programs. They are now recognized as agents, beneficiaries and protagonists of public policy.

Policies for rural women are part of the agendas of regional integration within