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BRAZIL

Madame President,

The Philippines welcomes H.E. _____ and the Brazilian delegation to the 13th session of the Universal Periodic Review, and appreciates Brazil's commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights and its cooperation with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

The Philippines takes notes the great strides of Brazil in weaving human rights into the fabric of Brazilian society by way of public oversight through the democratic channels, such as the active engagement of the National Councils and the federal units, not only in the preparation and finalization of its national report, but more importantly, in the formulation of its human rights policies and programs.

The Philippines notes also that the Federal Constitution of Brazil contains entrenchment clause that allows, as constitutional amendment, the incorporation of human rights conventions which Brazil has ratified as a state party. In the similar vein, the Brazilian legal framework has the incorporated the right to adequate food as social right.

The Philippines understands that Brazil is a fast rising economic powerhouse and will eventually be a host to large number of migrants and migrant workers in the near future. The Philippines recommends that Brazil consider becoming a state party and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families to protect the human rights of these migrant workers.

As we begin a new cycle of review, the Philippines wishes the Brazilian more success on its continuing efforts to deliver to its people the highest standard of human rights protection.

Thank you, Madame President.