

PHILIPPINE STATEMENT FOR THE
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Madame President,

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

The Philippines congratulates Ecuadorian people for the ratification of its new Constitution in 2008. This new Constitution is considered to have laid a very strong foundation for comprehensive and innovative promotion and protection of human rights.

The Philippines takes special note that this new Constitution of Ecuador puts premium on people and environment in the country's development policies. It enshrines the notion of common good as the wellspring from where human rights such as the right to water, food, healthy environment, health, among others, will emanate. This new Ecuadorian Constitution makes it a basic precept that the promotion, implementation and protection of these rights related to good living are obligations that must be obeyed by both the government and the people of Ecuador.

My delegation notes with admiration that Ecuador has earlier ratified the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families. As Ecuador continue to take on an active role as a responsible member of the international community that cares for the migrant workers, the Philippines recommends that Ecuador consider ratifying ILO Convention 189 concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

We wish the Ecuador success in its efforts to create a more just and rights-based society.

Thank you, Madame President.