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INDIA

Madame President,

The Philippines welcomes H.E. Goodam Vahandati, Attorney General of India and the Indian delegation to the 13th session of the Universal Periodic Review. The Philippines notes the commitment of India to the protection and promotion of human rights and its cooperation with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council. *and his*

As a developing country with large population, the Philippines understands the challenges and obstacles that India has to hurdle to promote and protect human rights.

As similarly practiced in the Philippines, Indian government agencies adopted the so called "citizens charters" which informs its citizens of the mandate and the services of the governmental agencies, how to access its officials, and seek redress for their grievances.

The Philippines notes India's various legislative initiatives that that promote the right to education, work and environment and the protection of women. In pursuing the right to environment India created the National Green Tribunal that is vested with the exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate cases involving the environment. The Philippines wishes to learn from the Indian experience the effectiveness of the Tribunal in promoting and protecting the right to healthy environment.

The Philippines is also interested in knowing the lessons learned in implementing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act as a program that implements the right to adequate work especially in the context of a development strategy that emphasizes inclusive growth and participatory process. The Philippines understands that this Guarantee Act mandates that at least one member of every rural household is able to work for at least 100 days in a year.

Thank you Madame President.