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Madame President,

Mustapha Ramid, Minister of Justice

My delegation welcomes H.E. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Moroccan delegation to the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Universal Periodic Review, and appreciates Morocco's commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights and its cooperation with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

The Philippines commends the Kingdom of Morocco for the participatory process by which it prepared its national report, as it ensured that it involved governmental agencies, civil society and international experts, resulting into greater participation and sense of ownership of all human rights stakeholders.

My delegation welcomes the fresh initiatives of the Kingdom of Morocco on developing the more institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights, especially the establishment in 2011 of the Inter-Ministerial Council on Human Rights, the Office of Ombudsman, and the broadening of the mandate of its National Human Rights Council.

The Philippines notes that the Labor Code of the Kingdom of Morocco guarantee the enjoyment of the rights of migrant worker. ~~In~~ <sup>In</sup> the same vein, ~~as that~~ the Moroccan Constitution (Article 30) allows the enjoyment of foreigners of fundamental freedoms enjoyed by Moroccan citizens.

Recalling that the Kingdom of Morocco, not too long ago, was ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> initiator of the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families, the Philippines recommends that the Kingdom of Morocco consider ratifying the ILO Convention 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

My delegation wishes the Moroccan government more success in its efforts to protect and promote human rights as it embarks on the next cycle of the review process. Thank you Madam President.