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**Intervention of Bangladesh on the UPR of Philippines**

Thank you madam Vice-President. Let me congratulate the delegation of Philippines for their informative national report and the excellent presentation.

As a fellow Asian country, we are fully aware of the socio-economic constraints and the challenges faced by the Philippines. My delegation commends the significant stride the country has made in fulfilling its national and international commitments for the promotion and protection of human rights. [We also appreciate the cooperation of its permanent Mission under the guidance of PR and Ambassador Evans to the work of the human rights council.]

Bangladesh welcomes the progresses made following the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of its UPR. The ratification of CRPD and the Rome Statute as well as the enactment of domestic human rights laws such as the Magna Carta of Women and efforts in promoting universal primary education and improving local health standards, through programs as the Pantawid Pamilya Program are commendable. We have also noted with appreciation the country's efforts in its fight against poverty.

Considering the Philippines' achievements in ensuring the rights of migrant workers, my delegation would like to know from the delegation, the constraints and difficulties the country faces with regard to the rights of its migrant workers abroad in the absence of adherence of many receiving countries to the Convention on the rights of migrant workers and their families.

My delegation would like to recommend that the Philippines,

1. Continue its efforts to fight against poverty
2. Continue its efforts to promote the rights of migrants.

Thank you.