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Consideration of Philippines UPR on May 29, 2012

Mme. President,

As an ASEAN fellow country, the Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Philippines led by H.E Leila de Lima, Secretary of Justice to the 2nd UPR and we wishes to express our appreciations for the comprehensive national report including updated information in the area of promotion and protection of human rights since the previous UPR.

My delegation congratulates the achievement made by the Government of Philippines to attain political stability, equality and social justice. It has made massive progress in economic development and fighting against poverty such as improving the lives of her citizens by promoting universal primary education and improving local health standards.

We note that Philippines is a party to many Conventions and fully participated in the implementation of regional and international human rights legal instruments such as CRPD, OPCAT and the Rome Statute.

We therefore encourage the government of Philippines to strengthen its cooperation with the UN, other International organisations and all stakeholders to overcome the remaining constraints and challenges and ensure the fulfilment the rights of its citizen.

I thank you, Mme President