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UPR of the PHILIPPINES

Madame President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Philippines and thanks for the preparation and presentation of the national report and for the Philippines' commitment to the UPR process.

We praise the active engagement of the Philippines in international Human Rights fora and we welcome the leadership of the Philippines in the field of Human Rights Education and Training. We also welcome government policies in access to education however we note that implementation lags behind.

We commend the Philippines for the ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).

We noted that several visit requests to Philippines by special procedures holders are still pending, including by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, as recommended Slovenia in the first cycle of the UPR.

Slovenia offers the following recommendations to the Philippines:

- to consider issuing a standing invitation to special procedures for visit of the country,
- to withdraw all reservations to the OPCAT,
- the adoption of legislation to ensure full cooperation with the ICC and to accede to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICC.

Thank you.