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-We commend the Philippine Government's advocacy for good and effective governance and its commitment to the advancement of economic, social and cultural rights.

- The 16 areas identified by His Excellency Benigno Simoen Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, in his Social Contract with the Filipino People will without doubt advance the promotion and protection of human rights.

-Within this framework, the Aquino administration's stance on good governance is leading to results to ensure that growth is inclusive, sustained and shared. We therefore welcome the development policies as well as the on-going implementation of various programmes For promoting the quality of life and wellbeing of vulnerable persons and children.

- We also welcome other human rights based efforts, such as the harmonization of Philippine's domestic laws with the relevant human rights treaties, ranging from women's and children's rights, to Anti-Torture and International Humanitarian Laws.

- We also note with satisfaction, Philippines leading role in the UN as well as in ASEAN in areas that impact human rights promotion and protection, especially to combat trafficking in persons.

-We would like to make one recommendation:

-to reinforce its training programmes for all law enforcement personnel on the absolute prohibition of torture.

Thank you.