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PHILIPPINE STATEMENT FOR THE
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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Madame President,

The Philippines welcomes H.E. _____ and the United Kingdom's delegation to the 13th session of the Universal Periodic Review, and appreciates United Kingdom's commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights and its cooperation with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

The Philippines also welcomes the positive declaration of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to stand up for the values of freedom, fairness, and responsibility as an active member of the global community as a way of promoting its national interests.

My delegation is encouraged by the statement of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that protection will be put in place for overseas domestic workers who accompany their employers to the United Kingdom. Philippines would be interested to know if the Domestic Violence Rule will also allow abused women and girls domestic helpers access to legal, financial, and shelter assistance during their stay in the UK as they pursue their cases against their employers.

The Philippines recommends that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland consider ratifying ILO Convention 189 on decent work for domestic workers and the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families.

As a new review cycle begins, my delegation wishes the United Kingdom all the success in its continuing efforts to be a leader in the promotion and protection of human rights-

Thank you Madame President.