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Madame President, the Philippine delegation welcomes and thanks the delegation of Peru for the presentation of their comprehensive national report.

My delegation had listened with great interest to the statement of H.E. ^{Dr. HENRY HERRERA} José Ávila, Vice Minister for Human Rights, ^{& ACCESS TO JUSTICE} We are encouraged by Peru's numerous accomplishments in the field of human rights and its implementation of accepted recommendations in its first UPR in 2008.

My delegation notes in particular the reforms in Peru's legislative and institutional framework that facilitated the advancement in human rights. Early this year, Peru ratified the International Convention of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Convention on Combating Racism. Last year, it redefined the competencies of its Ministry of Justice and transformed it into the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. To ensure the coordinated manner by which public services are delivered, it established, in 2011, the Ministry of Development and Social Integration.

The Philippines welcomes Peru's relentless efforts in combating trafficking in persons, especially women and children, in accordance with the Palermo Protocol. Noteworthy is its recent adoption of a 5 year (2011 – 2016) National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Madame President, the Philippines notes that Peru signed the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families (ICRMW) in 2004. However, it remains unratified. Thus, the Philippines recommends that Peru consider ratifying the ICRMW. In the same light, the Philippines also recommends that Peru consider ratifying ILO Convention 189.

The Philippines takes positive note of Peru's achievements in various areas. We commend Peru's commitment to combat extreme poverty and to improve the living conditions of its people, particularly its rural population.

Madame President, it is evident from its national report that Peru continues to work towards the realization of the human rights of its people, including its indigenous population, consistent with its international human rights obligations. My delegation is interested to know how Peru intends to harness regional partnerships and international support and cooperation to achieve the purposes of its National Human Rights Action Plan.

Finally, Madam President, the Philippine delegation expresses its appreciation for Peru's continuing constructive engagement in the UPR process, and wishes Peru success in all its endeavors for human rights.

Thank you Madam President.

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