

PHILIPPINES

Statement by
H.E. Ambassador Evan P. Garcia
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to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva

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Mister President, the Philippines welcomes the delegation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, headed by H.E. NICOLAS SCHMIT, MINISTER OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION, to the 15th session of the Working Group on the UPR.

The Philippines congratulates Luxembourg for its comprehensive and informative report, which provides details on the actions taken by Luxembourg to implement its accepted UPR recommendations during the first cycle of the UPR.

The Philippines acknowledges the reforms that Luxembourg has undertaken in recent years to make its national legislation and normative human rights frameworks more consistent with its international human rights obligations.

The Philippines notes the achievements made by Luxembourg in the advancement of the rights of the child. The Philippines also notes Luxembourg's efforts to combat racial discrimination and trafficking in persons.

Mister President, Luxembourg has signed or ratified almost all of the core international human rights conventions. However, despite the fact that foreigners living in Luxembourg now represent almost half of its population, Luxembourg has yet to accede to core conventions relating migrant workers, particularly the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families (ICRMW) and ILO Convention 189. The Philippines recommends that Luxembourg step up efforts to consider acceding to ICRMW and ILO 169. The Philippines further recommends that Luxembourg consider instituting programs to further facilitate migrant's access to basic social services and just conditions of work.

The Philippines wishes Luxembourg success in its UPR.

Thank you, Mister President. END