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Statement by
H.E. Amb. 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 Romania and its comprehensive national report. My delegation acknowledges the open consultative process, including consultations with non-government organizations, that Romania undertook in preparation for its national report.

Mr. President, the Philippines also welcomes the great value that Romania attaches to processes and normative frameworks for the protection of human rights, particularly the UPR process. The Philippines lauds Romania's ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OP-CAT) and the International Convention on the Rights of All Persons with Disabilities (ICRPD). Romania's ratification of these conventions is made more significant by the Romanian Constitution that guarantees respect for international human rights standards enshrined in international conventions to which Romania is a party.

Mister President, the Philippines is pleased to note Romania's intensified efforts to combat trafficking in persons, especially the inter-institution cooperation between various concerned government agencies.

Finally, Mister President, the Philippines, as country of origin of migrant workers, recommends that Romania consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families as well as the ILO Convention 189.

We wish Romania well in its efforts to advance human rights. Thank you Mister President.