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UPR of CAMEROON

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Mister President, the Philippines thanks the delegation of Cameroon led by
Mr. PIERRE MOUNKOKO MBONJO, Minister for Foreign Affairs for the presentation of its
national report to the 16th Session of the UPR Working Group. The Philippines
notes the inclusive manner by which Cameroon came up with its UPR report.

The Philippines commends Cameroon for striving to meet its accepted UPR
recommendations despite the financial and other constraints it faces in pursuit
of the full realization of the human rights of its people. *It is most noteworthy that even when Cameroon had rejected a recommendation it had taken steps on its own volition to consider and apply the same.*

The Philippines commends Cameroon for undertaking measures to improve
the human rights situation, such as by instituting legal and administrative
reforms, by improving the independence of the judiciary, by continuing efforts
to protect the rights of women and children, and implementing programs
aimed at addressing the right to health of its citizens.

The Philippines urges Cameroon to also consider the following
recommendations:

1. Adopt and implement stronger legislation on children's rights; and
2. Continue to strengthen its cooperation with regional and international partners to pursue development programs to promote the socio-economic rights of its people.

In closing, the Philippines wishes Cameroon well on its 2nd cycle UPR
process. Thank you, Mister President.