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Mister President, the Philippines thanks the Russian delegation for the presentation of its comprehensive national report.

Mister President, the Philippines notes Russia's continued efforts towards the ratification of international human rights instruments and its on-going efforts to make domestic legislation in line with its international commitments and obligations.

The Philippines is encouraged by Russia's signing of the Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers from CIS States and Members of their Families, which governs cooperation in the field of labor migration and the protection of migrant workers' rights among the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The Philippines urges Russia to move forward. My delegation **recommends** that Russia considers ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrants and Members of their Families (ICRMW).

The Philippines commends Russia for the establishment of a commissioner for children's rights. The Philippines is confident that Russia will offer similar attention to the protection of women, particularly from domestic violence and abuse. It is in this light that the Philippines **recommends** that Russia continue its efforts to enact laws addressing domestic violence, especially against women.

Thank you, Mister President.