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Mister President, the Philippines welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan led by HE MR. AKMAL SAIDOV, Chairman of the National Human Rights Center.

The Philippines notes the participatory process and constructive dialogue by which Uzbekistan formulated its comprehensive national report.

My delegation acknowledges the efforts of Uzbekistan to ratify several international human rights instruments, including the CEDAW, Convention Against Torture and the Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons. The Philippines also notes the formulation of several national action plans in response to the recommendations of human rights treaty bodies.

My delegation commends Uzbekistan for translating to state language and widely publishing the text of CEDAW. It is also noteworthy that Uzbekistan embarked on capacity building for its law enforcement authorities and for the members of the judiciary in the area of human rights.

The Philippines appreciates Uzbekistan's relentless pursuit to improve the quality of life and standard of living of its people, especially the women, children and youth, despite of global economic downturn.

Mister President, my delegation welcomes the voluntary commitment of Uzbekistan to comply with all its international human rights obligations, support UN initiatives on human rights, and improve parliamentary and public monitoring and oversight in the area of human rights.

Mister President, the Philippines recommends that Uzbekistan considers the following:

1. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families;
2. Provide adequate resources for the full implementation of the several national action plans on human rights promotion and protection, and
3. Continue to strengthen the enabling environment for the protection and promotion of human rights.

In closing, Mister President, the Philippines, joins other states in wishing Uzbekistan well in implementing human rights policies and programs for its people.

Thank you, Mister President. END