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Mr. President,

I would like to start by extending a welcome to the delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and to thank them for the presentation of their report.

Croatia welcomes the legislative improvements undertaken by the Royal Government of Cambodia with a view to ensuring a better protection for the persons with disabilities. We would also like to welcome the ratification of the UN CRPD and the ICPPED. We further welcome the ratification of the Optional protocol to the CEDAW that shows a commitment of the Government to protection and promotion of women's human rights.

Croatia is, however, concerned about the recent reports of the attacks on activists, union members and journalists amidst a general strike by garment workers.

We would like to give following recommendations:

1. Ensure the protection of workers exercising the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association and enable the full implementation of the right to freedom of expression in the country
2. Take appropriate steps to fully align the national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute, including by adopting specific provisions aimed at thorough and expeditious cooperation with the ICC.
3. Consider acceding to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.

Let me end my statement by wishing the delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia a successful review and the implementation of recommendations for the benefit of its people.

Thank you.