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Statement by

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Thank you Mister President. The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Chile. The Philippines also welcomes the participatory process in the preparation of Chile's national report, which involved both the government and the civil society.

The Philippines notes Chile's continuing efforts in strengthening its institutional framework to protect human rights, particularly the establishment in 2009 of Chile's national human rights institution and the adoption of an Act in 2012 which introduced measures to combat discrimination. We welcome the proposal to create the office of the Undersecretary for Human Rights under the proposed Ministry of Justice and Human Rights.

The Philippines acknowledges that political participation of women in Chile is on the rise and that extensive consultation process is being undertaken among its indigenous people's communities.

Mister President, it is heartwarming to know that Chile guarantees all migrants, regardless of their migration status, certain basic rights, such as right to labor and schooling for children. My delegation **recommends** that Chile consider ratifying ILO Convention 189. My delegation further **recommends** that Chile considers withdrawing its reservations to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

As a final note Mister President, the Philippines congratulates Chile for adopting in 2011 a law that expanded the offences under trafficking in persons, to include forced labor, slavery and removal of organs and offered temporary residence to victims of human trafficking, ensuring the victims physical and mental integrity. By so doing, Chile has provided an effective platform for trafficking victims to have effective access to remedy. My delegation **recommends** that Chile continue to reinforce its policies and programs that will allow trafficking victims to have effective access to remedies.

Thank you Mister President. END.