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Statement by  
H.E. Ambassador Cecilia B. Rebong  
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to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

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Thank you Mister President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Yemen to the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review. We also welcome the presentation of its national report. We note that this report also reflects the feedback and comments of the various sectors, including representatives from the academe and civil society.

Mister President, my delegation is encouraged by Yemen's steadfast commitment to assist refugees and migrants transiting its territory despite its huge resource constraint. My delegation **recommends** that Yemen continue to build up its engagement with its international and regional partners in order to better assist transiting refugees and migrants. We further **recommend** that Yemen considers ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families and ILO Convention 189.

The Philippines understands that Yemen is in a difficult transition stage with tremendous challenges. Despite this however, Yemen continues to improve its public institutions, policies, and programs to better promote, protect, and fulfill the human rights of its people. We **recommend** that Yemen steps up its efforts in establishing its national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Finally, Mister President, my delegation lauds Yemen for the inclusion of women and youth in the National Conference Dialogue. We **recommend** that Yemen also invites women and other marginalized sectors to participate in other government consultative bodies.

Thank you Mister President. END