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Rwanda welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica to this Session of the UPR working Group and thanks them for their presentation today and their commitment to the UPR process.

We commend the progress made by Costa Rica in addressing the phenomenon of migration through the adoption of Migration Act.

We further note with appreciation the amendment of the Violence against Women Act by including articles to criminalize abuse and assault. We also appreciate the establishment of the High Level Commission to monitor compliance with the Violence against Women Act.

Rwanda applauds the initiatives being undertaken by Costa Rica to mainstream a gender perspective in all areas and the steps taken to combat gender stereotypes.

We would like to recommend Costa Rica to:

- ***Pay special attention to the needs of women in rural and remote areas,***
- ***Consider ratifying International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.***

I thank you Mr. President