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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Angola and thanks the delegation for its comprehensive national report.

We acknowledge the significant progress in the legislative and institutional framework of Angola in recent years. We hope that these would translate to better protection mechanisms and welfare assistance for all, including those living in rural areas. We note, in particular, the following positive developments:

1. Angola has signed a number of international human rights conventions since its last UPR in 2010. We **recommend** that Angola speed up the process of ratification of the conventions it has signed, and to consider acceding to ^{other} international human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, such as the ICJMW.
2. Angola has conducted information and awareness raising campaigns throughout the country to promote gender equality, combat stereotypes, and advance women's rights. We **recommend** that Angola continue to address persistent discriminatory practices that hinder equal participation of women in economic, socio-civic, political, and all other spheres, by encouraging educational institutions and media practitioners to portray women as capable leaders and as significant contributors to growth and development of a society.

We wish Angola success in the implementation of its accepted UPR recommendations.
Thank you, Mr. President.