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Thank you Mr. President.

The Philippines welcomes and thanks the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia for providing updates on the implementation of its accepted UPR recommendations. We are pleased to note that Bolivia continues to introduce policies and programs to combat racism and all forms of discrimination, and to promote the people's right to food, water, health, education and other fundamental human rights.

We appreciate efforts of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to eradicate the worst forms of child labor and encourage the Government to keep as a top priority the protection of the rights of the child. We commend the Plurinational State of Bolivia for actions taken to reduce cases or incidence of human trafficking and urge the Government to continue to provide appropriate protection and assistance to trafficking victims.

The Philippines submits the following **recommendations** for the consideration of the Plurinational State of Bolivia:

1. Ensure that gender issues and women's rights are mainstreamed in all Government programs, particularly in labor and employment and anti-poverty measures;
2. Redouble efforts to implement anti-discrimination laws and policies, including through more intensive public awareness campaign;
3. Improve protection mechanisms for migrants, and consider establishing return programs for migrants.

Thank you, Mr. President.