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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and appreciates its engagement with the UPR mechanism. My delegation also thanks Bosnia and Herzegovina for the presentation of its national report.

Mister President, my delegation recognizes that Bosnia and Herzegovina has made great strides in advancing human rights. We take particular note of consistent efforts to introduce new laws prohibiting discrimination as well as measures to ensure that the Ombudsman for Human Rights remains compliant with the Paris Principles.

We also acknowledge measures that are being implemented for the inclusion of the Roma minority. We are encouraged by the government's determination to apply the guidelines on the world programme for human rights education and training.

Mister President, my delegation commends Bosnia and Herzegovina for ratifying the ICRMW. We wish to know what procedural safeguards are being implemented by the government to ensure that migrant workers and their families have equal opportunities to access effective redress and to be informed about the remedies available to them.

The Philippines wishes to **recommend** that Bosnia and Herzegovina consider stepping up efforts to achieve free and universal birth registration by, among other measures, harmonizing state and government entities' legislations pertaining to civil registration and eliminating remaining obstacles that prevent Roma women from registering births and obtaining birth certificates of their children.

Thank you, Mr. President. END