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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of San Marino to the 20th session of the UPR Working Group. We recognize the strong commitment of the Government of San Marino to the over-all development of the country and the fulfillment of the human rights of its people.

We laud San Marino's accession to a number of international human rights conventions during the period under review, particularly its ratification in 2010 of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Additional Protocols to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, and against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air. We wish to **recommend** that San Marino continues to evaluate the possibility of future accession to other international human rights conventions that it is not yet a party to, such as the ICRMW and the UNCAT.

Along this line, and since San Marino considers as one of its major advocacies the protection of the rights of women, my delegation would be very interested to know how San Marino can support and contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation or partnerships in combating trafficking in women and girls.

Mr. President, the progress achieved by San Marino in the realization of the right to an adequate standard of living is indeed remarkable. We take note of welfare programs and other social safety nets provided by the Government of San Marino to citizens who have become more vulnerable as a result of recent global financial instabilities. We **recommend** that San Marino continues to ensure that women are given equitable access to the labor market and that measures introduced to address the problem of unemployment would not result to a curtailment of the rights of migrant workers in San Marino.

Finally, we **recommend** that San Marino accelerate efforts to devise and implement anti-discrimination public awareness programs, including in the health services sector, and intensify campaigns to encourage tolerance and inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue.

We wish San Marino success in its second UPR and in its continuing efforts to promote and protect all human rights. Thank you, Mr. President.