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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Philippines warmly welcomes the delegation of Slovenia to this UPR session. We highly appreciate the updates provided by the delegation of Slovenia on the implementation of the recommendations it received from its first review.

We laud Slovenia's legislation and national program to fight trafficking in persons, particularly those involving sexual and labor exploitation. It is encouraging to note that expanded rights and relief for migrants are provided under the new Aliens Act, and we welcome the fact that Slovenia is considering acceding to the ICRMW. Adequate resources should be provided by the Government for the implementation of the National Programme on Prevention of Family Violence, the updated Programme for Children and Youth, the Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, and anti-discrimination programs. We wish to submit the following recommendations for Slovenia's consideration:

1. Continue to strengthen normative frameworks for the protection of children from violence or abuse, and develop awareness-raising programs aimed at educating the public about the harmful effects of corporal punishment and enhancing capacities of educators and the media to promote good practices and more positive methods of child-rearing;
2. Consider taking initial steps towards the ratification of the ICRMW.

Mr. President, Slovenia's commitment to the full realization of the rights and freedoms of its people is manifested in its policies and programs that promote the rule of law, empower and protect women and other vulnerable groups, offer social protection and welfare assistance, and allow for the inclusive

participation of all members of society in governance and public life. We wish Slovenia well in its continuing efforts to promote and protect all human rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.