

**PHILIPPINES**

Statement by  
H.E. Ambassador Cecilia B. Rebong  
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to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

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Thank you, Mister President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Grenada to this session of the UPR Working Group. We appreciate Grenada's continued engagement in the UPR process.

My delegation noted some positive developments in the implementation of Grenada's human rights obligations during the period under review. We are particularly pleased with the adoption of the Domestic Violence Act of 2012 and the 2010 Child Care and Protection Act, the establishment of the Child Protection Agency in 2011, as well as the amendments to the Criminal Code in 2012 which strengthened protection for women and girls. We understand that challenges remain, however, in addressing allegations of high incidence of violence against women and corporal punishment of children, even in school and judicial settings.

The Philippines recommends that Grenada take specific measures to address the high incidence of violence against women and children, as a matter of priority. We further recommend that Grenada consider enactment of laws to criminalize trafficking in persons, and to provide remedy to trafficking victims.

Mr. President,

We welcome the development of the Strategic Plan for Educational Enhancement and Development (2006-2015) and would be interested to know how this has contributed to improving the quality of, and increasing access to, education in Grenada. My delegation would also be interested to hear about efforts undertaken by the Government to ensure people's right to health, including those living in the rural areas.

In closing, we wish Grenada success in its second UPR. Thank you, Mister President.*END*