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Thank you, Mister President. The Philippines extends a warm greeting to the delegation of Kenya.

My delegation congratulates Kenya for the adoption of its new constitution in 2010 and the conduct of a fair, free, credible and peaceful election. We note that the new Kenyan constitution expanded the protection of fundamental freedoms and provided for the progressive realization of socio economic rights.

My delegation is pleased with improvements in Kenya's policies for the protection and advancement of rights of women and girls. We take particular note of Kenya's affirmative actions towards this end, including the reservation of seats for women in the national legislature, the enactment of Matrimonial Properties and the Prohibition of FGM Acts, as well as the reservation of 30% of all government contracts for women. We **recommend** that Kenya allocates adequate resources to implement these affirmative action policies.

My delegation welcomes the establishment of the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission and the submission of its report. We **recommend** that Kenya continue its active engagement with its international and regional partners towards surmounting technical and financial constraints in implementing the recommendations of the Commission, especially those that pertain to human rights protection.

Finally, Mr. President, my delegation **recommends** that Kenya step up its efforts to ratify international human rights instruments that it is not yet a party to, particularly the ICRMW. Thank you, Mr. President. END.