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Thank you, Mister President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan to the 21st session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

We congratulate Kyrgyzstan for the restoration of law and order after the tragic events of 2010, through a constitutional reform, the transition into a parliamentary form of government, and a successful presidential election. My delegation wishes to cite positive developments in the human rights situation in Kyrgyzstan in recent years.

In particular, we commend efforts to promote good governance with the adoption of the Anti-Corruption Act in 2012 and other anti-corruption measures. The Philippines is also pleased to note significant improvements in the normative and legislative infrastructure of Kyrgyzstan to align domestic legislation with international human rights standards. We laud the enhancement of human rights protection for children, with the adoption of the Children's Code. We recognize that remaining challenges remain in combating trafficking in persons, but we appreciate that the Government of Kyrgyzstan remains committed to fighting this scourge.

We note that Kyrgyzstan needs to continue addressing the issue of discrimination against minority groups. The Philippines **recommends** that Kyrgyzstan strengthen anti-discrimination laws and policies, and intensify the implementation of measures to protect all women from discrimination and violence, including through nationwide public-awareness campaigns.

We further **recommend** that Kyrgyzstan consider acceding to ILO Convention 189.

We wish Kyrgyzstan a successful review. Thank you, Mister President.