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Thank you, Mister President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Turkey and appreciates its constructive engagement with the UPR process.

The Philippines is pleased that Turkey has ratified the ICRMW. We **recommend** that Turkey considers ratifying ILO Convention 189.

Mister President, my delegation wishes to know if Turkey, as a migrant workers receiving country, sees the need and plans to strengthen its labor inspection capacity to ensure that its labor laws protective of rights of migrant workers are implemented.

My delegation welcomes the amendments introduced to the Turkish constitution that allowed greater fundamental freedoms and reinforced the protection mechanism for civil and political rights. We **recommend** that Turkey continue the process of enacting new laws that will ensure that the rights and freedoms granted under its amended constitution will be fully enjoyed by its people.

Mister President, my delegation appreciates the advancement of women's rights and gender equality in Turkey. We are pleased that equality of men and women before the law is explicitly recognized as a basic Turkish constitutional principle. We also note that there had been a dramatic rise in the participation of women in government, more particularly in the parliament. We also welcome the continuing review and formulation of a new five year National Action Plan for Gender Equality. We **recommend** that Turkey allocates adequate resources to implement its policies and programs aimed at ensuring that equality between men and women are realized in practice.

In closing, we wish Turkey success in its 2nd UPR. Thank you, Mister President.

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