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Mister President, the Philippines welcomes the delegation of Honduras and the presentation of its national report. We note the extensive and inclusive consultation process that was undertaken by Honduras in the preparation of its national report.

We are particularly pleased that Honduras has formulated its multi year national human rights action plan that serves as its road map for the fulfillment of human rights of it people. We **recommend** that Honduras allocates adequate resources for the implementation of its national human rights action plan.

My delegation commends Honduras for its efforts to align its domestic legislations with the international human rights standards. We welcome the Honduras’ ratification of various international human rights conventions. We note that international treaties ratified by Honduras forms part of its domestic law. We **recommend** that Honduras step up its efforts towards the ratification of other international human rights convention, including ILO Convention 189.

Mister President, the Philippines remains concerned about the reported high number of unaccompanied children taking the perilous journey out Honduras. We **recommend** that Honduras considers entering into bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements with concerned States to address the protection needs of unaccompanied migrant children from Honduras, including their repatriation and reintegration.

Thank you, Mister President. END