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Mister President, the Philippines warmly welcomes the delegation of Singapore to the 2nd cycle of the UPR.

The Philippines appreciates Singapore’s reiteration, in its national report, of its full commitment to the protection and promotion of the human rights of its citizens. We acknowledge its achievements, particularly in the field of education, housing, healthcare, social harmony and stability, and women’s participation in public and economic affairs.

My delegation lauds Singapore’s great strides in combatting human trafficking, including its ratification of the Palermo Protocol and its constructive role in the development of the ASEAN Convention on trafficking.

My delegation also commends Singapore for its efforts to uphold the human rights of migrant workers, including the recent regulation to raise the minimum monthly wage for household service workers.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Consider ratifying CAT, ICRMW, and ILO Convention 189**;**
2. Continue its engagement with governments and civil society organizations on initiatives that help promote and protect human rights; and
3. Continue providing migrants and their families access to education, healthcare, and housing at par with its citizens**.**

As fellow ASEAN member country, we wish Singapore well and a successful UPR. Thank you, Mister President. END