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The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Haiti and the broad consultations process in the preparation of its second national report.

My delegation is encouraged by the improvements in the recruitment and training of police officers, including the inclusion of training modules on human rights, children’s rights, and appropriate accommodations in police stations for victims of violence against women.

We also welcome the efforts of Haiti in improving effective access to justice, including implementation of several measures addressing concerns on prolonged pre – trial detention. We laud the resumption of the legal aid program that provides assistance to litigants who cannot afford the services of lawyers.

Mister President, Haiti, like the Philippines, is a developing country experiencing increasing incidence destructive typhoons induced by climate change, which threatens the human rights, including the right to development, of the people Haiti. It is highly commendable that despite serious challenges and constraints, Haiti remained steadfast in promoting and protecting human rights of its people.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Continue to engage its regional and international partners with the view of seeking technical and other assistance towards its full compliance with its human rights treaty obligations; and
2. Consider ratifying the ICRMW and ILO Convention189.

Finally, Mr. President, we wish Haiti success in the implementation of its accepted UPR recommendations. Thank you, Mister President. END