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The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Lithuania and the presentation of its second national report.

We welcome Lithuania’s efforts to address domestic violence and gender based violence, including initiation of pre-trial investigation even with the absence of victim’s complaint, and public awareness activities.

My delegation is also concern that gender wage gap for the same or equivalent work remains high in favor of men.

The Philippines would be interested to know more about the reasons for the failure of Lithuania to establish a national human right institution in line with the Paris Principle, noting that Lithuania received several recommendations in this regard during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Consider ratifying the ICRMW and ILO Convention 189;
2. Step up efforts towards establishment of a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principle; and
3. Sustain efforts to eradicate domestic violence and gender-based violence.

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