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The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Togo and the presentation of its second report to the UPR Working Group.

The Philippines appreciates the inclusive and transparent process in the preparation of its national report. My delegation notes that Togo accepted 122 of 133 recommendations it received during the last UPR review process.

We are encouraged by the significant steps taken Togo to strengthen its domestic human rights normative framework, including the enactment earlier this year of the Organic Act on the Composition, Organization and Functioning of the National Human Rights Commission. We are also pleased to know that Togo has ratified a number of international human rights and humanitarian treaties.

My delegation notes with concern that Togo’s Nationality Code does not allow women to transmit their nationality to a foreign spouse on an equal footing with men. We also concern with reported under-representation of women in decision-making bodies.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Consider ratifying the ICRMW and ILO Convention 189;
2. Step up efforts to towards gender equality; and
3. Ensure that the legal and institutional frameworks are in line with international human rights standards.

We wish Togo success in the implementation of its accepted UPR recommendations. Thank you, Mister President. END