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The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Uganda and the presentation of its second national report to the 2nd cycle of the UPR process.

The Philippines appreciates the progress made by Uganda in promoting respect for human rights, rule of law and democracy, including ratification of key international and regional human rights instruments and make human rights a reality for its citizens. We also laud Uganda for the policies and programs and institutional structures for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the country’s human rights regime.

The Philippines is concern that the full implementation of domestic laws that prohibit harmful traditional practices against women, such as FGM, remains to be a big challenge for Uganda. We welcome the efforts of Uganda, through human rights education and sensitization, to address this concern.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Consider ratifying the ILO Convention 189 and the Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons;
2. Provide adequate funding for its national human rights institution and reduce its reliance on external sources; and
3. Provide adequate resources towards the full implementation of the domestic laws that prohibit harmful traditional practices against women.

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