*Pls. check against delivery*

**PHILIPPINES**

UPR of BRAZIL

27th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

Human Rights Council

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 5 May 2017

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

The Philippines lauds Brazil’s poverty alleviation programs such its conditional cash transfer policy called *Bolsa Familia Program* that have lifted out of extreme poverty millions Brazilians.

We appreciates Brazil’s achievements in gender equality, noting the lowering of income gap between men and women, the marked increase in women participation in the labor market and entry into university and graduate studies, and higher number of women standing as candidates in elections for public office at all levels.

We also welcome the decrease in the number of children and adolescent laborers and of children unregistered in the civil registry.

My delegation recommends the following in the spirit of amity and constructive dialogue:

1. Accelerate efforts towards ratification of International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW) and ILO Convention 189; and
2. Ensure that indigenous peoples and other minorities are protected against all forms of discrimination.

We wish Brazil success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations in this cycle of the UPR. Thank you, Mister President. **END**