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The Philippines warmly welcomes the delegation of India and appreciates its thorough preparations for its national report.

We laud India’s commitment to eradicate poverty and achieve inclusive and equitable economic development to secure a dignified life, empowerment and freedom for all.

We note with appreciation India’s efforts to prioritize renewable energy, advance climate justice, and pursue initiatives for cleaner air in the cities.

We also welcome India’s policies to ensure a safe working environment for people engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights.

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

1. Accelerating efforts towards combatting human trafficking, particularly in protecting and rehabilitating victims; and,
2. Ratifying other human rights conventions to which India is not yet a state party.

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