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

The Philippines also welcomes the enactment of national legislations establishing bodies for the promotion and protection of human rights, good governance, sustainable development, and participatory democracy.

We note with appreciation Morocco’s positive actions to ensure protection of migrants’ rights, including allowing in 2013 and 2016 pathways for regularization of status of otherwise thousands of migrants in irregular situation. Commendable is Morocco’s enactment of its Trafficking in Persons law that is aligned to the Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Ratify ILO Convention 189;
2. Ensure that adequate human and financial resources are allocated for the implementation of programs and activities on human rights; and
3. Continue putting in place public polices on human rights, including on the effective role of parliamentarians in the promotion and protection of human rights.

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