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**PHILIPPINES**

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

My delegation also welcomes progress made by the Netherlands in the field of human rights, particularly in combatting trafficking in persons, on children’s rights, on women participation in public offices, and on business and human rights. We are however concern about the high prevalence of hate speech and discriminatory stereotypes targeting women who either are Muslims, migrants, or asylum seekers.

We are also concerned that gender pay gap in the private sector stays at 20% and work discrimination based on pregnancy is still prevalent.

We urge the Netherlands to end all forms of discrimination against migrants particularly in field of employment, healthcare, and housing.

My delegation recommends the following in the spirit constructive dialogue:

1. Ratify ICRMW, OP to ICESCR, and OP to CRPD;
2. Prevent and combat all forms of discrimination and eliminate violence against women, including domestic violence;
3. Ensure accountability on human rights violations and environmental damages resulting from global or overseas operations of companies registered or headquartered in the Netherlands.

We wish the Netherlands success in its UPR. Thank you, Mister President. **END**