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The Philippines warmly welcomes the delegation of Poland. We appreciate Poland’s comprehensive report and the inclusive preparations process for its preparation.

My delegation also welcomes the new legislations promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and its ratification of large number of international and regional human rights conventions. All of these served as building blocks that strengthen the normative framework for human rights in Poland.

We laud the improvements in women rights, particularly with the introduction of prosecution ex officio of sexual offences, such as rape or making one to submit to another sexual act by coercion.

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

1. Sign and ratify ICRMW, OP to ICESCR, OP to CRC and OP to CRPD;

2. Prevent and combat all forms of discrimination;

3. Continue its efforts to eliminate violence against women, including domestic violence.

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