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

The Philippines also welcomes the adoption of the Tunisian Constitution in 2014 that guarantees participatory democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of conscience and of expression of religious practices.

Tunisia has accomplished much despite the many challenges associated with a democracy in transition. Commendable are the establishment of an independent Human Rights Commission and other independent bodies such as the National Authority for Prevention of Torture and Commission on Access to Information, and the enactment of the Organic Act on human trafficking.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Ratify International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers Members of their Families (ICRMW) and ILO Convention 189;
2. Continue investments towards improving public education and public services facilities; and
3. Step up efforts towards the completion of institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, including the formulation of a national human rights action plan.

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