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**REVIEW OF BANGLADESH**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Philippines warmly welcomes the esteemed delegation of Bangladesh.

The Philippines positively the notes the various institutional and normative changes the government of Bangladesh has adopted during the review period.

In particular, we welcome the enactment of important legislations, such as the National Skills Development Authority, Mental Health Act, Universal Pension Management Act, and Wage Earner’s Welfare Board Act.

To build on the gains made, the Philippines, in a constructive spirit, recommends the following:

1. Enhance the implementation of the National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children 2018-2030, with particular focus on expanding access to justice, including provision of support and protection to victims;
2. Step up efforts to combat child marriage; and
3. Continue to adopt effective measures to further promote the rights and welfare of migrant workers, including by pursuing bilateral agreements on mutual recognition of qualifications and competencies.

Lastly, the Philippines wishes Bangladesh a successful review. Thank you. **END**