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**REVIEW OF CAMEROON**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Philippines warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cameroon.

We positively note Cameroon’s ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. We also welcome the measures adopted to improve the delivery and access to healthcare services, especially by children, women and girls and persons living with HIV-AIDS.

To build on these positive strides and further advance the rights of the child, the Philippines, in a constructive spirit, recommends the following:

1. Fasttrack the enactment of the Child Protection Code;
2. Expand efforts to eliminate child marriage and female genital mutilation, including through enhanced education and awareness-raising campaigns targeted at community and religious leaders; and
3. Continue to effectively enforce measures aimed at preventing the recruitment and use of children by armed groups.

In closing, the Philippines wishes Cameroon all success in this review. Thank you. **END**