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**REVIEW OF MEXICO**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Philippines welcomes the esteemed delegation of Mexico.

We positively note steps taken to enhance Mexico’s normative and institutional framework on human rights, particularly the adoption of the National Programme for Equality and Non-Discrimination as well as initiatives to enhance the efficiency and integrity of the judicial system, addressing systemic challenges in the administration of justice.

To build on the gains during the review period, we recommend that Mexico continue to:

1. Integrate gender-responsive approaches to combating organized crimes to protect women and girls from all acts of gender-based exploitation, abuse and violence, especially the crime of femicide;
2. Bolster the fight against the recruitment and use of children and adolescents by criminal groups; and
3. Ensure the effective operationalization of the protocol on the right to free, prior, and informed consultation for Indigenous and Afro-Mexican peoples in the conduct of development projects.

We wish Mexico all success in this review process. Thank you. END