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Mr. President, we warmly welcome Costa Rica’s esteemed delegation and recognize the country’s advances in human rights promotion during the review period, with the adoption of legislations and strategies, particularly on older persons, Indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities as well as on gender equality.

We also acknowledge the **National Action Plan on Gender Equality in Climate Action 2023–2025** and the **National Risk Management Plan 2021–2025**, which establish frameworks for achieving environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

To sustain this positive trajectory, we recommend that Costa Rica:

* 1. Further enhance access to quality education of children in rural areas and Indigenous communities as well as those with disabilities and from migrant backgrounds;
	2. Intensify measures, including human rights education and training, to combat domestic violence;
	3. Further ensure the strict enforcement of laws against femicide and street sexual harassment; and
	4. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

In closing, the Philippines wishes Costa Rica every success in this review. Thank you.