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To be delivered by

**First Secretary Luningning Camoying Valdez/Neil Brillantes**

Speaking Time: 1 minutes and 5 seconds

Mr. President, we welcome the distinguished delegation of Iran.

We recognize Iran’s human rights education initiatives and the steps taken towards the establishment of a national human rights institution.

We also welcome the strides made in advancing women's active participation in economic and political affairs during the review period. We note, in particular, the appointment of women to key government positions covering the roads and urban development portfolio, women and family affairs, and environmental protection, among others.

In a constructive spirit, allow us to offer the following recommendations:

1. Consider ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women;
2. Further pursue judicial reforms, including the possibility of implementing a moratorium on the death penalty especially concerning minors; and
3. Continue to strengthen normative and institutional human rights frameworks in line with international human rights obligations, especially as regards women, children, persons with disabilities, and minority groups.

Mr. President, the Philippines wishes Iran success in this review process. Thank you. END