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**UPR of SRI LANKA**

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Mister Vice President,

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka to the 28th session of the UPR working group and appreciates Sri Lanka’s active engagement in the UPR process.

The Philippines appreciates the progress made by Sri Lanka in promoting and protecting human rights. My delegation welcomes, in particular, the strengthened Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka with its independence and enhanced power to receive complaints and conduct investigations.

The Philippines is encouraged with the adoption of the new National Human Rights Action Plan and the inter-agency approach on the Plan’s implementation. We welcome the mainstreaming of human rights education and training, in particular the introduction of human rights as part of the curriculum for secondary schools and of the training modules for the police and armed forces personnel.

The Philippines appreciate Sri Lanka’s active role in the formulation of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM). We value Sri Lanka’s partnership with the Philippines in pushing for the inclusion of human rights of migrants in the GCM, including migrants’ right to health.

The Philippines submits the following recommendations:

1. Ensure adequate funding and manpower for the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
2. Work with development partners to facilitate the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan.

In closing, allow my delegation to assure Sri Lanka of the Philippines’ continued support in the implementation of its accepted recommendations.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.