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Thank you, Mister Vice President.

The Philippines warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea to the 28th Session of the UPR Working Group.

We commend the ROK on the enactment of several legislation to enhance the promotion, protection, and fulfilment of human rights of its people, including mechanisms and measures implemented on women and children’s rights.

We likewise note the establishment of the Child Support Agency in 2015, as well as the award-winning Employment Permit System, which guarantees equal treatment of local and migrant workers in the application of labor-related laws and policies. This is important for the Philippines, which has a substantial number of workers in ROK.

We encourage Korea to enact other legislations to further protect the rights of migrants workers and their families.

We recommend that ROK consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, and amend other domestic legislations to pave the way for ROK’s ratification of a number of key regional and international human rights conventions.

We wish the Republic of Korea success in this cycle.

Thank you, Mister Vice President.