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Thank you, Chair.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Belgium.

The Philippines acknowledges Belgium's efforts to address gender pay gap and domestic violence.

In a constructive spirit, the Philippines presents the following recommendations:

1. Intensify capacity building programs on race and gender-based violence for duty bearers to ensure systematic reporting of and response on all cases;
2. Take steps to ensure the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in political and public decision-making processes;
3. Ensure equitable access to health services, including Covid-19 vaccines, for all vulnerable groups including migrant workers regardless of migration status;
4. Ensure provision of adequate protection, remuneration and support services for domestic workers;
5. Stop the detention of children due to immigration-related reasons; and
6. Ratify the ICRMW.

We wish Belgium every success in this review cycle.

Thank you, Chair. ***END.***