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Thank you, Chair.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of the Solomon Islands.

We recognize Solomon Islands’ constructive approach to the UPR process.

We are pleased to note the government´s efforts to further advance the protection of human rights especially of vulnerable groups. We welcome in this regard the establishment of the Anti-Human Trafficking Advisory Committee, the training of law enforcement officials, and the strengthening of legislation to combat trafficking in persons.

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

1. Ensure that policies relating to the environment take into consideration their impact on human rights and on communities;
2. Step up efforts to protect children from commercial sexual exploitation including prostitution and child pornography; and
3. Take further steps to increase the participation of women in public service and enhance measures for women´s economic empowerment.

We wish the Solomon Islands every success in this review cycle.

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