**41ST SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam warmly welcomes the delegation from the Philippines and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report.

We recognise and welcome the positive steps taken by the Philippines in implementing recommendations from its previous UPR cycle. In addition, Brunei Darussalam commends the introduction of laws and plans to further enhance development and protect as well as promote human rights, including the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act of 2017, Basic Education Development Plan 2022, and Universal Health Care Act of 2019.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Brunei Darussalam proposes two recommendations:

1. Strengthen efforts to promote inclusive access to quality education, particularly on greater access to higher education for persons with disabilities; and
2. Further enhance programs on universal access to healthcare, including support services on mental health and well-being.

We wish the Philippines a successful conclusion of its UPR session.

Thank you.

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