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**PHILIPPINES**

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**Statement of the Republic of Croatia**

Mister President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of Philippines and thanks them for their report.

We welcome the Government’s readiness to cooperate with the UN human rights mechanisms, including through the UN joint programme on human rights, but regret the Programme’s slow implementation.

We call on the Government to step up its efforts to achieve accountability for human rights violations.

We have three recommendations:

* Effectively engage with the UN Joint Programme including by ensuring monitoring and transparency of its implementation.
* Ensure independent, full and transparent investigations to prosecute all perpetrators of serious crimes and achieve accountability for human rights violations.
* Re-examine the Mining Act of 1995 with a view to improve environmental provisions and sustainable development practices.

We wish the delegation of Philippines a successful review session.

Thank you.