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**UPR of FRANCE**

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Mr. President,

The Philippine delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of France.

The Philippines appreciates France’s commitment to strengthen mechanisms to prevent and punish acts of violence against women. We also appreciate its comprehensive policy on promotion and protection of children’s rights, including unaccompanied minors. Aside from women and children, the Philippines places great importance on migration governance and welcome France’s efforts in this regard.

The Philippines notes the determination that informs policies and programs of France to fight terrorism.

It is in this context that the Philippines submit the following recommendations to France:

1. continue to respect fundamental human rights even as it increases security measures to counter terrorism;
2. ratify the ICRMW[[1]](#footnote-2). This is to echo similar recommendations of various UN bodies[[2]](#footnote-3);
3. ratify the ILO Convention No. 189; and
4. provide durable solutions for refugees in its territory by accelerating asylum determination and providing more assistance to approved refugees.

In closing, the Philippines wishes France all success in the continued implementation of its accepted recommendations.

Thank you, Mr. President.

1. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [↑](#footnote-ref-3)