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Madam Vice President,

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Luxembourg and its active engagement in the UPR process.

The Philippines commends Luxembourg’s ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR[[1]](#footnote-2). The Philippines, as a gender champion, likewise, is very supportive of Luxembourg’s efforts on women’s issues.

The Philippines echoes the CERD recommendation for Luxembourg to consider introducing into its laws, an aggravating circumstance for crimes that are racially motivated.

The Philippines notes Luxembourg’s efforts against human trafficking. My delegation thanks Luxembourg for rescuing and assisting a Philippine national who was subjected to cruel and abusive conditions by her employers. Unfortunately, the employers have yet to be prosecuted. The Philippines recommends that the Government of Luxembourg expedite efforts in prosecuting perpetrators of trafficking in persons and to enhance measures to prevent these activities, and if racially motivated, to consider them as an aggravating factor when prosecuting the perpetrators.

The Philippines places great importance in migration governance. It is in this regard that my delegation recommends that Luxembourg consider ratifying the ICRMW[[2]](#footnote-3) and the ILO Convention 189[[3]](#footnote-4).

The Philippines wishes Luxembourg success in the continued implementation of its accepted recommendations to promote and protect human rights for the good of all.

Thank you, Madam Vice-President.

1. International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. International Labor Organization Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (no. 189) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)