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**UPR of the UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

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Mister President,

The Philippine delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates to the UPR process.

The Philippines commends the UAE for being a party to several key international human rights treaties and conventions and UAE’s work in promoting and protecting the rights of women, children, and persons with disabilities through various initiatives, as well as the implementation of policies for the effective inclusion of persons with disabilities in society.

As a migrant sending country, the Philippines values the promotion and protection of the rights of migrant workers. In this regard the Philippines supports the UAE’s initiatives in promoting labor rights, the protection of domestic workers and the implementation of other reforms and policies for the benefit of foreign workers.

The Philippines also commends the UAE for its work in fighting human trafficking and providing protection, rehabilitation, and assistance to victims of trafficking.

In this regard, the Philippines recommends to the UAE to:

* consider ratifying the ICRMW[[1]](#footnote-2) together with other relevant laws; and
* continue the important work of protecting and promoting the rights of foreign workers.

The Philippines wishes the UAE 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)