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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of the Dominican Republic and congratulate them for their election as a non-permanent member to the Security Council for the term 2019-2020.

We praise the efforts of the Dominican Government for the developments achieved in the area of human rights, specifically violence against women and gender equality within the scope of “The 2030 National Development Strategy Plan.”

We encourage the Government of Dominican Republic to continue the implementation of a road map to be devised within the Strategy Plan with the aim of the elimination of violence against women, child labor and pregnancy, human trafficking along with the reduction of poverty, social and territorial inequality and discrimination concerns.

We are aware of the important problems  that the Dominican Republic are faced with regard to the irregular migrants especially from Haiti and Venezuela and we welcome the efforts of Dominican authorities to tackle some of the human rights issues that cause concern among the international community.

**We recommend** the relevant Dominican authorities to maintain their efforts in promoting and protecting human rights and to pursue the ongoing high-level negotiations with the two neighboring countries for identifying solutions to resolve the illegal migration.

I thank you Mr. President.