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**REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES**

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*Statement delivered by Ms Gayethri M Pillay, Chargé D’affaires/Counsellor*

Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Dominican Republic and thanks them for their informative national report.

Seychelles commends the efforts made by the Dominican Republic to eradicate child labour, including the implementation of the National Strategic Plan against Child Labour and numerous awareness raising activities on child labour. Seychelles also positively notes steps taken to address trafficking in persons, which includes the operationalization of a specialized shelter for adult victims of trafficking in persons.

Seychelles puts forward the following **three recommendations**:

1. First, to become a party to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
2. Second, to issue a standing invitation to the Special Procedures mechanism; and
3. Thirdly, to review and if necessary amend national legislations to ensure full compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and other accepted international standards regarding racial discrimination and xenophobia.

Seychelles wishes the delegation of the Dominican Republic a fruitful session ahead.

Thank you, Mr President.