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Madam President!

1. Cambodia would like to congratulate Lao PDR’s substantial progress and achievements since its second UPR cycle.
2. Cambodia applauds Lao PDR’s realization of an impressive economic growth at an average rate of 6.5% annually over the past five years along with a gradual improvement in the living condition of the people. Moreover, Cambodia welcomes the priority that Lao PDR attached to the adoption of numerous legislations seeking to strengthen the anti-corruption endeavors.
3. Cambodia also recognizes Lao PDR’s extensive efforts to cooperate with international community, UN human rights mechanisms, and special procedures with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights.
4. In the constructive spirit, Cambodia would like to put forward two recommendations to Lao PDR:
5. Intensify the ongoing efforts toward inclusive economic growth, further poverty reduction, and increased investment in rural health care services
6. Enhance further endeavors to increase women’s participation in public affairs and economic development
7. Finally, I wish the delegation of Lao PDR every success in this exercise.

I thank you, Madam President!