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**Mr. Vice President,**

We welcome the Spanish Delegation and thank them for their comprehensive presentation.

We especially would like to underline the important efforts undertaken by Spain in combatting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including its ongoing support to the UN Alliance of Civilizations initiative.

We also note with appreciation the measures taken to improve the living conditions of the migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

We kindly **reiterate our recommendation** to Spain for ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families.

Concerning gender equality, while we note with satisfaction the improvements in the institutional structure and the considerable increase achieved in the representation of women in Parliament and political life, we **recommend** Spain to consider further measures that will bring about due diligence in tackling domestic violence cases, including measures like the provision of training for judges and law enforcement authorities.

**Thank you, Mr. Vice President!**