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Mr. Chairman, Madam High Commissioner, Distinguished Members of the Delegation of PHILIPPINES!

My delegation thanks the delegation of Philippines for their excellent presentation on the efforts being made by the Republic of Philippines for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Among the several institutional mechanisms established by the Government to promote and protect human rights, the National Report of Philippines mentions the *Barangay* Human Rights Action Centres' which function at the grassroots level. Could the delegation of Philippines please elaborate on the functions and powers of these bodies and how their members are appointed?

Mr. Chairman,

We would also request the delegation of Philippines to share with us more information on the Community-Based Monitoring System which is designed to better address poverty at the local level?

As a ~~country~~ major sending country with about 10 per cent of its population living abroad, addressing the issues concerning migration would naturally be an important priority for Philippines. The National Report also

refers to Brain Drain in this context. My delegation would wish to learn about how the Government of Philippines is balancing the positive and negative effects of migration?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.