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INTERVENTION BY INDIA

Madam President,

India thanks the delegation of the Philippines for their presentation today and for their National Report. We appreciate the ongoing efforts being made in Philippines as follow-up to the first cycle of the UPR.

2. We commend the efforts of the Government of Philippines in mainstreaming human rights in the economic and social growth agenda particularly through the Philippines Development Plan 2011-2016.

3. We encourage the Philippines to continue its human rights-based approach to development and give special attention to vulnerable groups such as women, indigenous peoples, children in armed conflict and in conflict with the law and returning overseas workers.

4. As a major sending country, addressing the issues concerning migration is naturally an important priority for the Philippines. We appreciate the role of the Philippines in the drafting of the implementing protocols of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers and its other initiatives to promote human rights within the South-East Asian regions.

5. We welcome the commitment of the Government of Philippines to continue efforts in transforming its security sector into one that is compliant with human rights, international humanitarian law and the rule of law. In this regard, we welcome the launch of the Armed Forces of the Philippines International Peace & Security Plan (Bayanahan Plan). We wish Philippines well in all its endeavours to promote and protect human rights in the country.

Thank you, Madam President.
