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Mr. President,

Mr. President, please allow me to welcome the delegation of the Dominican Republic to this afternoon's dialogue.

RADDHO wishes to thank the Dominican Republic for all its efforts in matters concerning the promotion and protection of women's rights.

Our organisation acknowledged that the Dominican Republic took into account the recommendations regarding women's rights. We appreciate the efforts made by the Dominican Republic to implement several of the recommendations made during the first cycle of UPR in 2009. More specifically, the adoption of its Constitution in 2010 through which the protection of women was emphasized.

RADDHO also recognised a number of laws and regulations regarding developments and rights of persons with disabilities, domestic violence, and migrant worker's rights. The Ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Tortures, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Mr. President, our organisation is concerned about discrimination against migrant workers particularly Dominican nationals of Haitian Descent. Recently, the Constitutional Court ruling decided to revoke the citizenship of Dominican nationals of Haitian Descent. RADDHO appreciates concerning this alarming situation by saluting the re-opening dialogue with Haiti on the issue of migration. However, many challenges remain in that regard particularly concerning the eradication of all forms of discrimination in the country.

In conclusion, RADDHO wishes to encourage the Dominican Republic to continue to its efforts in the fights against corruption and extend a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

I thank you Mr. President.