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STATEMENT

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Expulsion of Aliens

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Mr. Chair,

In 2014, we welcomed the conclusion of the work of the International Law Commission on the topic of expulsion of aliens and noted with interest their recommendations in relation to this topic.

For the Philippines, Commonwealth Act No. 613 or the "Philippine Immigration Act of 1940," has been the national legal framework on which the issuance of Philippine visas, exclusion and deportation proceedings, and other repatriation requirements that an alien must comply with in order to legally stay in the Philippines, is based on.

Since then, the competent authority, the Bureau of Immigration, has passed various issuances to complement the Philippine Immigration Act.

Due process guarantees are enshrined in Philippine law. Substantive rights to aliens facing expulsion and the attendant procedures are also available.

At present, our legislative department is working on a comprehensive and updated national immigration policy. The House of Representatives, proposed and approved on final reading the "Immigration Modernization Act," which aims to update and revamp and modernize the existing legal framework for immigration policies in the country.

We see value in the draft articles as guidelines to States which could form a basis for discussion among States and also as providing some insights into possible reforms in national legal frameworks.

While there is still no consensus on the next steps, including on convening an international conference to adopt a new Convention on this topic, we would prefer that the topic remain in the agenda of the Sixth Committee for Member States' continuing consideration. **END**