

COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS

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PHILIPPINE CLOSING STATEMENT

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MR. CHAIRMAN,

THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF YOUR BUREAU TO RECONCILE THE DIVERGENT INTERESTS AND POSITIONS EXPRESSED IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING INPUTS TO THE CHAIR'S DRAFT.

IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING MOBILITY OF OUR MIGRANT POPULATION, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE INTERESTS OF SUCCESSOR GENERATIONS OF MIGRANT CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN OF MIGRANTS, PARTICULARLY THEIR RIGHT TO NATIONALITY, WILL REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF FUTURE DISCUSSIONS. GIVEN THE VULNERABILITIES ATTENDANT TO BEING STATELESS OR UNDOCUMENTED, THIS SITUATION CAN ONLY RESULT TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS, AND IN TURN, WILL FURTHER RAISE ISSUES TO NO END.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR IMPORTANT CONCERNS. WE ALSO THANK NATALIA OF URUGUAY AND JOHN OF UGANDA -- OUR COMMENDABLE SPOKESPERSONS FOR THE G77 AND CHINA. FINALLY, ON BEHALF OF OUR NOW "VOCELESS" FACILITATOR, AMBASSADOR EDUARDO DE VEGA, AND TO ALLOW HIM TO FINALLY ENJOY HIS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, HE HAS REQUESTED ME TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT.

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