

Intervention made by the Philippines under the agenda item 3.a on Universalization:

"First, allow me to commend the President, his team, the ISU, and the coordinators for your work in leading this intersessional.

"I would like to thank the Coordinators, Norway and Peru, for their presentation of the Work Plan on the Universalization of the CCM, as well as the concrete actions taken thus far in support of the Convention.

"Beyond the crucial objective of increasing the number of states parties to the Convention, we commend the inclusion of efforts to prevent further withdrawals from the Convention. This is an important endeavor given this recent and unprecedented setback. Now more than ever, we must stand in solidarity and protect the norms espoused by the CCM.

"Furthermore, we welcome the presentation of the specific activities that the coordinators have planned to advance the universalization of the CCM. As a former coordinator for universalization, we hope to leverage our experience in this matter. The Philippines stands ready to assist and support the efforts of the coordinators on universalization. "