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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you Madam President,

The ROK welcomes the efforts made by the Government of Bahrain to address the allegations of human rights violations last year, among which the establishment of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (BICI) is the prominent case demonstrating the will of Bahrain to address the issue. The ROK *recommends* Bahrain to fully implement the BICI recommendations that cover a broad range of tasks, including the ensuring of accountability, prevention of the recurrence of human rights violations through law reform and training of law enforcement personnel, and respect of due process, among others.

The ROK also *recommends* Bahrain to clearly prohibit torture and ill-treatment along with effective enforcement of relevant legislations. We *recommend* that the country visit by the Special Rapporteur on Torture is realized in the near future.

While appreciating Bahrain's efforts in the field of gender equality, the ROK would like to *recommend* Bahrain to strengthen its efforts to promote gender equality and withdraw its reservations to CEDAW as soon as possible.

Lastly, the ROK is pleased to note Bahrain's cooperation with the UN Human Rights Mechanism and its various efforts made for human rights capacity-building and *recommends* that they be continued and strengthened.

Thank you. /END/