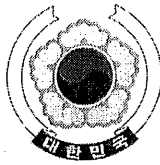


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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you Madam President,

The Republic of Korea (ROK) welcomes the efforts by the Government of Brazil on the effective and timely implementation of those recommendations that were made in the first cycle of the UPR. Recent increases in women's participation within the realm of political affairs, as well as remarkable reductions in poverty, infant mortality and malnutrition, are especially noteworthy.

The ROK welcomes the adoption of the third National Human Rights Programme (PNDH-3) in 2009, which seeks to address all of the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle through programmatic governmental actions. We hope that this Programme will be effectively carried out and that its execution will be monitored in a transparent way.

Considering, however, that there seem to be some room for further improvement, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

First, conditions in many detention facilities still remain precarious and severely overcrowded, and therefore further efforts should be made to improve those conditions according to international standards, especially including developing gender-sensitive policies and programmes for women;

Second, "death squads" as criminal organizations remain active in some states, resulting in serious human rights violations, and therefore stronger action by the federal Government should be taken to counter them sooner rather than later. Thank you. /END/