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Statement of the Republic of Korea in Geneva

Thank you Madam President,

The Republic of Korea appreciates efforts made by South Africa to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in recent years since its first UPR. In particular, we welcome the establishment of a new Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities, and new separate Departments of Basic Education and Higher Education and Training, along with the introduction of other various legislations, policies and programs aimed at protecting social minorities and vulnerable groups.

Furthermore, the Republic of Korea commends South Africa's notable achievements in the areas of education, national health, and eradication of poverty, among others. We encourage South Africa to build upon such accomplishments and continue making consistent and steady efforts to improve the overall human rights situation on the ground.

In this regard, the Republic of Korea would like to make the following *recommendations*:

1. Seek to enhance overall quality of education and health services offered, in addition to greater enrollment in and access to schools and hospitals;
2. Reinforce measures to combat and prevent xenophobia and related violence;
3. Step up efforts to eliminate violence and discrimination against women..

Thank you. /END/