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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you Madam President,

The Republic of Korea welcomes the efforts by the Government of Ghana to promote and protect human rights since the first cycle of the UPR.

The ROK notes that a number of recommendations by the newly established Constitutional Review Commission have made considerable contributions to enhancing basic human rights, especially in the areas of gender equality, education and housing. Developments in gender-based and domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, and the age of criminal responsibility are also noteworthy.

Considering, however, that room for further improvement exists, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

First, the ROK shares concerns put forward by some human rights treaty bodies with respect to various forms of trafficking of children for the purpose of sexual abuse or forced labour. We would therefore like to recommend that the Government of Ghana take all measures necessary for the prevention and combating of child trafficking, and for the provision of effective remedies for victims;

Second, the ROK notes that there still remain harmful traditional practices, including FGM, which are incompatible with human rights obligations. We therefore recommend that the Government of Ghana exert all efforts to ensure their compatibility through enhancing the enforceability of relevant laws in a proper way. Thank you. /END/