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Statement by the Delegation of Cambodia for UPR of Republic of Korea (at 14th Session of the UPRWG of the HRC, 25 October 2012)

Madame President,

1. At the outset, Cambodia wishes to extend our warmest welcome to the delegation of the Republic of Korea led by H.E. Mr. ..., Minister... at this 14th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group. We thank the Delegation for introducing the National Report of the 2nd Cycle, highlighting a number of important progress and developments on the follow-up implementation of a large recommendation from the first UPR process for the promotion and protection of Human Rights in the country.

- 2. Cambodia commends the Government of Korea on the notable progress made in its continued efforts to strengthen the capacity of legal system by reviewing the legislations with many amendments as required by the first UPR recommendations to promote and protect human rights in keeping with the country's standing as an advanced democratic nation.
- 3. Cambodia is pleased to take note of the accomplishments of Korea Action Plan for the promotion and protection of human rights which integrate the first UPR results such as the incorporation of gender perspectives into the government policies.
- 4. We welcome step taken by the Government in March 2012, by launching the second National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (NAP) for 2012-2016, (following the first NAP for the year of 2007-2011) which is an overarching framework on human rights policies prepared in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.
- 5. We recognize the efforts currently undertaken by the Government of the Republic of Korea to address all the remaining challenges of human rights. These include also, among others, the continued efforts to fight against human trafficking and to improve the rights of migrant workers, especially the rights of all women migrant workers and through further consideration of ratifications of relevant international instruments.
- 6. Cambodia would therefore like to make the following recommendation: to further consider acceding to the relevant International Conventions, especially the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants Workers and Members of their Families in line with its domestic legislative process.
- 7. We wish the country much success in its endeavour toward the advancement of human rights of the Korean people.