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We would like to thank the delegation of the Republic of Korea for their comprehensive and informative National Report.

We are pleased to observe that the Korean Government has been sincerely continuing its efforts towards promoting and protecting human rights, particularly by adapting its 2007-2011 National Action Plan (NAP) and forming mechanisms to oversee the implementation of the recommendations presented during the first round of UPR. We are also pleased to learn that the second NAP was launched in March 2012.

The steps taken since the first round of UPR, as explained by His Excellency will no doubt advance the promotion and protection of human rights especially with the dedicated efforts by the National Human Rights Policy Council and the National Human Rights Commission of Korea.

Turkey also encourages Korea's human rights efforts at the regional and multilateral level, particularly through the implementation of Official Development Assistance programs.

Among the policies stated in the National Report, Turkey commends Korea's comprehensive and active measures especially regarding the age and gender discrimination, migrants, refugees, sex crimes, child abuses, persons with disabilities, domestic violence and human trafficking.

Korea's endeavor to expand the coverage of national health insurance, in terms of both the covered services and population, is also worth mentioning. Particularly the introduction of services regarding infants and the elderly and preventive measures are important steps which we believe should be continued.

Turkey would like recommend the Korean Government to complete the legislative process in order to abolish capital punishment, which as a matter of fact, has been suspended for more than a decade.

We would like to ask the Korean delegation one question: Considering the need for raising the public awareness and consciousness against the domestic violence, how the Korean Government and/or NGO's conduct campaigns at national level?