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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you Mr. President,

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

We welcome the recent judicial reform process to ensure both the independence of the judiciary and the right to fair trial. Serbia's ongoing efforts in the areas of gender equality, national minorities and the protection of the Roma are noteworthy.

With this in mind, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations;

First, the ROK is pleased to note significant improvements in the area of human rights education and training, and **recommends that the Government of Serbia continue its efforts in a systematic manner to increase the availability of human rights education and training programs for the law enforcement and judicial authorities.**

Second, the ROK believes that even with the steps having been taken in regard to the role of women in the high-level decision making process, some negative stereotypes regarding women in rural areas still persist. We therefore **recommend that the Government of Serbia take necessary measures to ensure equal treatment as well as consider ways of helping to eradicate stereotypes for women in rural areas.**

Third, the ROK shares concerns about the prevalence of domestic violence which have been raised by some of the human rights treaty bodies, and therefore recommends that **the Government of Serbia come up with a comprehensive national strategy to prevent and combat domestic violence, and conduct awareness campaigns at the national level.** Thank you. /END/