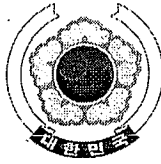


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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you Mr. President,

The Republic of Korea welcomes the efforts by the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to promote and protect human rights since the first cycle of the UPR.

The ROK welcomes developments with respect to governmental bodies through the setting up of various units charged with the promotion and protection of human rights. We are also pleased to note that "Emirates Vision 2021" as a long-term national strategy gives priority to the improvement of education, health and housing services, as well as the development of rural areas. We expect it to be implemented faithfully as planned so as to bear considerable fruits.

The ROK notes with satisfaction the various efforts by the Government of the UAE with respect to the establishment of a national human rights institution, and **recommends that the national human rights institution be created in conformity with the Paris Principles.**

The ROK welcomes recent ratification by the UAE of the CRPD and CAT, and **recommends that it take into serious consideration the ratification of other core human rights treaties, especially those of the ICCPR and ICESCR.**

The ROK welcomes recent achievements in the area of anti-discrimination against women, and **recommends that the Government continue its efforts to correct the discriminatory practices and institutions against women throughout the whole society, and that it continue to take active measures to reduce social elements that could contribute to acquiescence or passivity with regard to domestic violence as demonstrated in its UPR report. Thank you. /END/**