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**Statement by the Republic of Korea**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Republic of Korea would like to commend the continued efforts by Azerbaijan to promote and protect human rights since the previous UPR in 2009.

Along these lines, we welcome recent legal and institutional developments related to human rights, including the Presidential Decree of 2011 on the National Action Program on increasing the efficiency of the protection of human rights and freedom.

We also note with satisfaction the recent decrease in the poverty level, and hope the "State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development for 2008-2015" will continue to be implemented properly in the manner with which it was originally set forth.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the various endeavors put forward by Azerbaijan to enhance the awareness of human rights. Further to these ends, we **recommend that the Government of Azerbaijan redouble its efforts to intensify human rights education and training of law enforcement officers, teachers and civil servants.**

Finally, the Republic of Korea also recommends that the Government of Azerbaijan take all possible measures to eliminate stereotypes and practices which contribute to discrimination against women.

Thank you, Mr. President. /END/