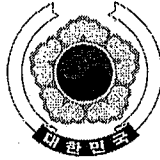


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**Statement by the Republic of Korea**

Thank you Mr. President,

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

The Republic of Korea welcomes recent legislative, institutional and policy developments, including the passing of 196 positive legislative items related to human rights issues as well as the enhanced independence of the National Human Rights Institution.

In this regard, we expect these developments to be further brought to action with the support of appropriate human and financial resources in order that tangible progress may be made on the ground.

The Republic of Korea notes the concerns raised by some human rights bodies that violence against women and girls, including domestic violence and forced marriage are still prevalent even after the normative and institutional reforms that have been carried out. Along these lines, **the Republic of Korea would like to recommend that the Government of Bangladesh take all possible measures to address violence against women and girls.**

While noting with satisfaction the recent ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the Rome Statute, **we would like to recommend that the Government of Bangladesh submit its initial and periodic reports to relevant human rights bodies in a timely manner.**  
Thank you, Mr. President. /END/