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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the Canadian delegation and expresses its sincere appreciation for the presentation.

My delegation believes that Canada stands as an exemplary country with regard to protecting and promoting the freedom and rights of people both at the national and international levels. Along these lines, we highly appreciate Canada's dedication to realize human rights values at the highest level.

In particular, my delegation welcomes the Canadian Government's efforts to promote the freedom of religion by taking a number of effective measures including the creation of the 'Office of Religious Freedom' under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

My delegation also took note with appreciation that the Canadian Government continued to take strong measures to fight against human trafficking as well as to resolve questions related to Aboriginals.

With all of these developments in mind, my delegation recommends the Canadian Government to continue its efforts to develop and implement sustainable solutions engaging relevant provincial governments as well as representatives of Aboriginals on issues such as the guaranteeing the property rights for Aboriginals and their participation on issues related to natural resource development. Thank you, Mr. President./END/