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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the strong efforts made by the Government of Colombia to promote and protect human rights since its first UPR. We believe that Colombia has achieved many promising results.

Most notably, it has taken many steps forward in turning its commitments into realities. In particular, the Colombian Government has demonstrated its sincerity in implementing the recommendations which it received during its first UPR Working Group by submitting seven follow-up reports.

It is important to highlight that its human rights protection mechanisms have been strengthened through the introduction of various legal instruments and the creation of human rights protection agencies including the National Protection Unit. We also commend the progress it has achieved in the area of civilian protection.

With this in mind, the Republic of Korea would like to offer the two following recommendations;

**First, we recommend to reinforce its efforts to end impunity concerning serious human rights violations including those perpetrated by high ranking military officers as well as those related to sexual violence against women.**

**Second, we recommend to introduce stronger measures to protect indigenous peoples and Afro-Colombians from attacks by armed groups as well as to take measures to guarantee their rights.**

As a final point of note, we highlight the fact that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights recently acknowledged Colombia's improvement by removing Colombia from the list of countries which it identified as requiring special attention regarding human rights. Thank you, Mr. President./END/