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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

My delegation warmly welcomes the Russian delegation led by H.E. ().

My delegation appreciates the Russian Government having accepted the recommendation, which we offered during Russia's first cycle of UPR to pay special attention to racially motivated crimes and strengthen its efforts to address them. We believe that Russia made significant steps forward in this field by establishing the Interdepartmental Commission to Counter Extremism and the Presidential Council on Inter-Ethnic Relations.

It is also important to highlight that Russia made an important improvement in the field of freedom of association by substantially easing the requirements for political parties to be founded.

With all of these developments in mind, my delegation would like to offer the two following recommendations;

First, we recommend that Russia continue to take comprehensive and effective measures with a view to eradicating all forms of race-centered crimes.

Second, taking note of concerns raised by relevant UN human rights mechanisms and NGOs, we recommend that Russia consider and adequately address certain legislation and administrative measures which could negatively affect the legitimate activities of NGOs.

Thank you, Mr. President./END/