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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes to warmly welcome the delegation of the Central African Republic and appreciates the government's efforts to submit its national report to this Working Group.

My delegation acknowledges that despite the challenges stemming from conflicts which faced the country, the government of CAR has exerted efforts to improve human rights by taking various measures for the protection and promotion of the rights of vulnerable groups. Also, we commend the efforts made by the government of CAR to establish the National Human Rights Institution in the country. We consider the establishment of the NHRI to be a significant step forward. In the meantime, we commend the OHCHR also for its active role in the process.

However, there still remain serious concerns to be addressed regarding the human rights situation in the CAR. The frequent occurrence of sexual and gender-based violence after the conflict is very worrisome and deserves our close attention. My delegation recommends that the government of CAR put forward its utmost efforts to eradicate such violence.

The recruitment of young soldiers and sexual violence against children also gives rise to grave concerns of the international community. My delegation recommends that the government and all other parties concerned ensure the immediate release of all child soldiers and take all measure to prevent any future recruitment.

My delegation finds that the concerns with the administration of justice including impunity and the rule of law which we raised during the 1<sup>st</sup> UPR has been increasing

even more after the recent conflict. My delegation recommends again that the government of the CAR take full and necessary measures to restore the administration of justice and exert its utmost efforts to realize the rule of law.

During the process of implementing measures to tackle those issues, we recommend that the government of the CAR continue to work with regional organizations and the international community including the OHCHR and other treaty bodies.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/