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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you, <sup>Madame</sup> Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends Nigeria for its continuous efforts to promote the universal respect for human rights since its previous UPR in 2009.

Among them, we would like to especially highlight its strengthening of the independence of the National Human Rights Commission by amending the Commission Act to give the Commission functional and financial independence and to improve its investigative and enforcement authorities.

We also welcome the efforts at forward by Nigeria towards the accessions to the various Human Rights Conventions ~~such as the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide~~. We expect Nigeria to put forward strong efforts to incorporate these instruments into national law.

With an aim to further encourage its continued work towards the protection of human rights, we would like to offer the following recommendations.

**First**, notwithstanding the vigorous efforts of the Government of Nigeria, women still remain socially vulnerable and face prejudices. We recommend that the Government continue to make effort to curb violence against women, especially with regard to the prohibition of female genital mutilation at the national level.

**Second**, while expressing strong concern over human rights violations by militant insurgents and organized crime groups, we hope that broader social safety would be guaranteed as soon as possible and recommend that the Government continue to strengthen its efforts to prevent human rights violations committed during counter-terrorist operations.

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