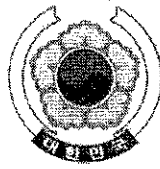


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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Mr. President,

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

My delegation takes note of the efforts made by the Government of Eritrea to implement the recommendations of the 1st UPR and the progress which has been made in certain areas including health related MDGs and the advancement of women in parliament and the government as stated in the national report.

However, there still remain serious concerns to be addressed regarding the human rights situation in Eritrea. In this light, we would like to submit the following recommendations to the government of Eritrea.

First, we recommend the Eritrean Government to continue to make its best efforts to abolish all types of discriminatory practices against women and children, which notably includes FGM, early marriage and domestic violence.

Second, we recommend the Eritrean government to fully implement the Constitution to ensure the administration of justice and rule of law and also to establish an independent human rights institution to oversee human rights issues.

Finally, we recommend the Eritrean government to enhance cooperation with all human rights mechanisms particularly by issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures mandate holders.

Thank you. Mr. President. /End/