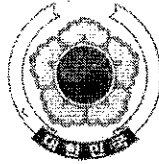


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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea expresses its heart-felt welcome to the delegation of the Government of the Republic of Yemen. Attaching great importance to the promotion of stability and human rights in Yemen, the Republic of Korea, as a member of the "Friends of Yemen", has been walking with the Yemeni Government by providing multi-year humanitarian assistance.

My delegation acknowledges that the Government of Yemen has continuously made efforts to promote fundamental freedoms and improve its human rights situation, particularly by means of the National Dialogue Conference since March 2013.

We believe that the cooperation of the Yemeni Government for the opening of the OHCHR's Office in Yemen can be a role model for other countries in post conflict situations and we commend its cooperation with the international community to promote and protect human rights.

Bearing this progress in mind, my delegation would like to make the following two recommendations;

First, we recommend the Yemeni Government to establish and implement a comprehensive action plan to further improve and promote women's rights. Though there have been improvements in women's rights, we believe that there is still a great deal of room for growth in this field.

Second, we recommend also the Yemeni Government to accelerate its process to ratify the Rome Statute. Given the recent sensitive situations, the Government of Yemen may be able to prevent grave human rights violations in the future by rapidly ratifying this important instrument. Thank you, Mr. President. /End/