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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam led by ---.

My delegation appreciates a number of measures taken by Brunei Darussalam to combat the human trafficking particularly through the establishment of a Heads of Specialist Trafficking Unit as well as the Human Trafficking Investigation Unit.

We would also like to join the UNHCR in welcoming the steps taken by the Government of Brunei Darussalam to facilitate the integration and naturalization of stateless persons. It is commendable that 2,420 stateless persons acquired Brunei Darussalam citizenship between 2009 and 2012.

Appreciating all these achievements, we hope that the Government of Brunei Darussalam will continue its endeavors to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We believe that ratification of the key international human rights conventions including the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) will significantly contribute to the further improvement of human rights conditions in the country. In addition, we also believe that the activities of civil society organizations deserve to be promoted.

With all of these things in mind, my delegation would like to recommend to **continue enhancing the rights of persons with disabilities as well as to accelerate the ratification process for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**. Thank you, Mr. President. /End/