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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua.

My delegation observes that the Government of Nicaragua took a number of positive measures to promote and protect human rights since its first cycle of UPR.

We would like to extend our appreciation for the continued efforts put forward by the Government of Nicaragua aimed at improving living standards of people through poverty reduction and economic development. Its strong efforts to improve access to education and to eradicate the violence against women deserve to be commended. We noticed that enrollment rate in elementary school increased to 92% in 2012, and that illiteracy was reduced to 3% in 2013. In addition, we note that the Comprehensive Act against violence towards women was also adopted.

Appreciating efforts put forward by the Government of Nicaragua to promote its people's social and economic rights, we would like to invite the Government of Nicaragua to take more active measures in the field of civil and political rights. Along these lines, the activities of civil society organizations need to be further promoted and public access to the information on the governmental policies needs to be improved in a more established way.

Bearing these things in mind, my delegation would like to offer the two following recommendations;

- **1. Continue to improve the conditions of persons deprived of liberty and expand prison infrastructure in order to reduce overcrowding and improve detainees' living conditions.**
 - **2. Insure the best interests of indigenous people in carrying out large scale of national development projects.**
- Thank you, Mr. President. /End/