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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. My delegation also welcomes the comprehensive national report of Kazakhstan and takes note with appreciation that the Government has made efforts to enhance the human rights situation in the country including:

- first, the adoption of the Plan of the Action for 2012-2018 to promote the rights of persons with disabilities
- second, a project being implemented by the Procurators-General's Office entitled 'Prosecutor on duty with the police-guarantor of the rights of citizens' in order to ensure the effectiveness of criminal cases against violations of the constitutional rights of citizens
- third, the adoption of the Broadcasting Act in 2012 to uphold constitutional guarantees of the right to freely receive information and to disseminate it in any manner not prohibited by law.

However, the delegation of the Republic of Korea would like to respectfully make the following recommendations for the further promotion of human rights in the country.

First, my delegation recommends that Kazakhstan put forward its best efforts to reform its legislation dealing with relatively high rate of domestic violence against women and ensure that those violations are effectively investigated and perpetrators of such acts are prosecuted.

Second, we recommend that the Government review the 2011 Religion Law with a view to ensuring its conformity with the Constitution and international human rights standards.

Finally, we would like to recommend that the government of Kazakhstan make further efforts to accede to and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), and complete, without delay, the ratification process of CRPD (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities). Thank you. /End/