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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The Republic of Korea commends the efforts made by Lao PDR in the field of human rights, particularly including the formulation of the master plan on the development of the Rule of Law and the enactment or amendment of several important laws. We hope that the master plan can be translated into concrete action to improve the human rights situation at all areas. We also take note that Lao PDR has ratified the Convention against Torture and is considering ratification of other major international human rights instruments.

Hoping that the government of Lao PDR will continue to build upon the current achievements, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations.

First, we recommend that Lao PDR fully incorporate major human rights treaties that Lao PDR has ratified into its domestic laws and to allocate adequate human and financial resources to implement the laws.

Second, we recommend that Lao PDR continue to exert efforts to accede to international human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party.

Third, we recommend that Lao PDR put forward more efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and to ensure greater women's empowerment, representation and advancement in all sectors.

Thank you. Mr. President. /End/