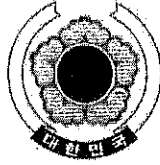


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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Korean delegation appreciates the consistent efforts of Belarus to enhance the human rights situation in the country. In particular, the fact that Belarus has acceded to important international agreements on human rights, including the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, is noted.

In addition, Belarus has made efforts to ensure the implementation of human rights by adopting new or amending current legislation related to the guarantee of equal education, the prevention of human trafficking, the improvement of judicial system, support of families with children etc.

However, my delegation would like to make a few recommendations as follows.

First, consider expediting the ratifications of the core human rights treaties, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OP-CAT), the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW).

Second, put forward extensive efforts to strengthen cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms, particularly by permitting standing invitation of the special procedures and recognizing mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus.

Finally, facilitate necessary process for establishing a national human rights institution as ~~independent and transparent mechanism~~ which should ensure the enjoyment of basic human rights for all citizens.

Thank you. /End/