

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GENEVA

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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of Honduras. We commend Honduras on the overall progress that the country has achieved in the field of human rights since its first review in 2010.

In particular, it is encouraging to note that various policies adopted for the benefit of the vulnerable group, including women and children, have further raised public awareness of the importance of promoting and protecting their rights. It should also be noted that the Criminal Code has been amended to bring the definitions of the crimes of torture and enforced disappearance into line with international human rights instruments. And, we take note of the efforts made by the Government to implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with a view to achieving national harmony and stability.

In the hope that Honduras will continue to build upon its current achievements, we would like to make the following recommendations:

First, that taking into account the high level of violence which persists in the country, Honduras step up its efforts to fight crime and tackle impunity with a view to ensuring the right to life, liberty, and security of its citizens.

Second, that Honduras take appropriate measures to improve living conditions and address the issue of overcrowding in prisons and other detention centers, as well as to reduce violence between and among prisoners.

Finally, we wish Honduras all the best during its review.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/