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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Mr. President,

The Republic of Korea acknowledges the Australian Government's sincere commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights as well as its continued efforts to make progress since its 1st UPR. In particular, we welcome the Human Rights Framework as a clear roadmap to implement the recommendations of human rights mechanisms and the appointment of a Human Rights Commissioner and other institutional arrangements.

In spite of efforts made by the Government of Australia, we believe there is still room for improvement in the area of human rights of indigenous peoples and asylum seekers. In this context, we would like to make the following recommendations to the government of Australia.

1. To implement Constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians and to continue to exert efforts to fully implement the Indigenous Advancement Strategy in order to ensure that indigenous people have sufficient access to health services, education and employment opportunities.
2. To make utmost efforts to protect women with disabilities and indigenous women from all forms of violence and discrimination.
3. To closely cooperate with the UNHCR and other relevant organizations to provide more adequate protection and proper treatment of asylum seekers and refugees.

Thank you. Mr. President. /End/