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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Korean delegation appreciates the comprehensive presentation by the Austrian Government. My delegation acknowledges the Austrian government's sincere commitment to the value of universal human rights through upgrading the current administrative, legislative and judicial institutions.

In particular, we welcome the fact that Austria has amended the Code of Criminal Procedure with more human rights-based provisions and that it prepared a NAP on Human Rights as one of its national priorities.

However, in the hope that Austria will continue to build upon these ongoing initiatives, my delegation would like to make a few recommendations.

First, ensure equal opportunities for women in the labor market by eliminating occupational segregation and narrowing the gender pay gap as well as increase the participation of women in the political sphere, in particular at the higher levels.

Second, put forward further efforts to guarantee the rights of asylum seekers, migrants and refugees with a view to delivering an adequate standard of living and access to affordable public services. Specifically, we recommend that the Austrian Government take necessary measures to tackle hate speech carried out by politicians, targeting members of minorities, migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and persons of African origin.

Thank you. /End/