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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

In particular, we note with appreciation the steps taken by Lebanon to improve conditions for vulnerable groups. We see that the number of refugees seeking a shelter in Lebanon currently accounts for almost half of the country's population. Importantly, efforts have been made to advance the rights of persons with disabilities in the areas of education, social and health care, and employment. Also, it is noteworthy that law on the protection of women from domestic violence has been enacted.

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

First, that Lebanon consider developing a comprehensive domestic legal framework on the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees with a view to better ensure their basic human rights and living conditions.

Second, that Lebanon facilitate its ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and lift its reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Third, that Lebanon redouble its efforts to advance women's rights, including by improving legal systems regulating marriage and family relations in a way that eliminates discrimination against women.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/