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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of the Government of Nepal.

My delegation acknowledges that the Government of Nepal has made significant advancements in the promotion and protection of human rights in the face of the hardship caused by natural disasters. In particular, we highly commend the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and the Commission on Investigation of Enforced Disappeared Persons (CIEDP), as well as the enactment of the New Constitution which upgraded the National Human Rights Commission to the level of a constitutional institution.

Bearing this progress in mind, my delegation would like to make the following three recommendations;

First, we recommend that the Government of Nepal consider extending a standing invitation to the mandate holders of all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Second, we recommend that the Government of Nepal ensure the effective functioning of the National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles, in particular by providing the Commission with required and adequate levels of funding as well as sufficient autonomy.

Third, we recommend that the Government of Nepal bring rape laws in line with international standards and remove the 35-day limitation on lodging a complaint of rape with the police.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/