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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends Belgium for its faithful follow-up to the previous review that has improved the human rights situations in areas such as prison overcrowding, racism, non-discrimination, gender equality, social integration and so on.

We sincerely hope that Belgium will continue to build on these achievements. In this vein, we make **the following three recommendations** that:

First, Belgium positively consider adopting specific legislation on domestic violence, especially violence against women, with a view to ensuring synergy with the implementation of the national action plan 2015-19 for combating gender-based violence.

Second, Belgium apply and respect human rights in the implementation of counter-terrorism measures, notably for the rights to privacy, freedom of expression and movement.

Third, Belgium expedite the creation of a national human rights mechanism that complies with the Paris Principles.

Finally, we wish Belgium all the best in its second UPR review.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/