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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

In particular, the Korean delegation welcomes the formulation of a National Action Plan on the rights of persons with disabilities and the National Strategy for the Prevention and elimination of Child Labour and the Protection of Adolescent Workers as well as the efforts of the Paraguayan Government to ensure the rights for indigenous peoples.

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

First, make further efforts to prevent all forms of violence against women and girls, in particular that of, sexual abuse and domestic violence by adopting a comprehensive law to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women as well as provide assistance and recovery for victims.

Second, further develop measures to ensure that an inclusive education system be available and accessible to all children, including those with disabilities and improve the quality and infrastructure of schools.

Finally, step up efforts to eliminate corruption by police officers and prosecutors, and to adopt specific legal provisions establishing a judicial procedure for ensuring investigation of the cases related to enforced disappearance and arbitrary detention, ill-treatment as well as to punish perpetrators and provide assistance and recovery for victims caused by a lack of independence and transparency of the judicial system.

Thank you. /End/