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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of Greece. We commend Greece for the steps that it has taken to improve its human rights situation since its first review.

Among others, we note with appreciation its accession to the CRPD and the activities undertaken by the Children's Rights department of the Ombudsman which demonstrates its strong commitment to protect and promote the human rights of the vulnerable. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights, my delegation hopes that the enjoyment of a minimum essential level of economic and social rights by the people in a situation of vulnerability be safeguarded, regardless of economic reform and adjustment.

The human rights situation of Greece is poised at a critical juncture due to social tension caused by the adverse impact of economic crisis and an influx of refugees. It is all the more important for Greece to redouble its efforts in consolidating social cohesion by upholding and expanding commitments for protecting and promoting human rights. Therefore, my delegation would like to recommend that:

- Greece review its legislation to ensure that all forms of hatred against minorities are prohibited by law;
- Greece ensure equal access for girls and women to all levels of education in all regions.

And we appreciate Greece's efforts to rescue and receive refugees from Syria. My delegation encourages Greece and other European countries to strengthen their partnership in this regard in order to address the challenge of the mass migration.

Thank you, Mr. President.