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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

At the outset, my delegation would like to suggest the following recommendations for Sudan:

1. To investigate sexual violence in conflict;
2. To legislate for prohibition of FGM in all states of Sudan;
3. To establish a national action plan to prevent the early marriage of girls; and
4. To abide by the Paris Principle to ensure independence of the Sudan National Human Rights Commission in its operation.

My delegation is of the view that, among others, a nation-wide effort towards reconciliation and confidence building of all Sudanese is of the utmost importance in ensuring the national integrity of Sudan and its long-term stability. In this regard, we take note of the initiative of the National Dialogue launched by the government of Sudan in 2014 and support the African Union-led peace talks assisted by the Troika of Norway, the UK and the U.S.

Together with progress in the political process, we believe mental traumas, the seeds of hatred, must be cured. Neither silence nor denial can address a root cause of a conflict. Appropriate measures including investigating all reported sexual violence in conflict areas are needed to recover the dignity of the victims as well as to ensure non-recurrence.

My delegation would like to welcome the ongoing efforts of Sudan to promote and protect the human rights of its people, notably through the establishment of the Sudan National Human Rights Commission and the national strategy to abandon FGM within a generation. We encourage Sudan to maintain and strengthen its commitment and to further develop its legal and policy framework for human rights, in particular, of girls and women.

Thank you, Mr. President. /END/