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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Among others, we note with appreciation the Bureau Gender Affairs' various initiatives and policies aimed at promoting gender equality and protecting women from violence. A training session on 'Intervention Domestic Violence' which was held last year is a good example of the Bureau's efforts to raise awareness on gender-based violence. We are of the view that this positive momentum must be continued. In this vein, **we recommend that Suriname consider providing regular training on the importance of ensuring both accountability for gender-based violence and victim's access to justice, especially for law enforcement and judicial officers, including prosecutors.**

We also note that Suriname had passed legislation on establishing a National Human Rights Institution and is currently working on preparing for the operation and staffing of this institution. We hope that this human rights infrastructure will be both independent and effective. In this regard, **we recommend that the National Human Rights Institution to be established is given a broad mandate to promote and protect human rights in accordance with the Paris Principle.**

It is our hope that Suriname will continue to build on the progress that it has made in many areas such as education, health, death penalty, poverty reduction, etc. We further hope that Suriname will put greater efforts on other areas, in particular the independence of the judiciary. Finally, we wish Suriname all the best in its second UPR review.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/