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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea appreciates Tajikistan's comprehensive presentation on the steps taken to improve its human rights situation.

We duly note that Tajikistan's follow-up to the previous review has brought progress in areas such as torture prevention, combat against human trafficking, domestic violence prevention, child labor eradication, poverty reduction, etc.

With this in mind, we would like to **recommend** that Tajikistan:

1. Issue a standing invitation to all the Special Procedures.
2. Expedite the creation of a robust mechanism that will implement the 2013 law on domestic violence and its associated Program for 2014-2023.
3. Redouble its efforts to create an environment that ensures freedom of expression for journalists and media, including by revising the 2013 law and the 2015 governmental regulation on media towards encouraging a free and active press.

We hope that these recommendations will contribute to generating additional momentum for Tajikistan to further advance its human rights record.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/