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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand and appreciates its comprehensive efforts to protect vulnerable groups such as women and children.

Thailand has made important strides in its Roadmap to Democracy, including the drafting of its new Constitution. We commend the Thai Government's strong resolve to hold the referendum on the draft Constitution this August and the general election in 2017.

Thailand's democracy stands at an important crossroads. As Thailand moves forward to securing sustainable democratic governance, we would like to encourage Thailand to hold discussions on the draft Constitution which will further provide an impetus for the early restoration of an elected civilian government. We also stress the importance of ensuring full respect for freedom of expression and other human rights.

In this context, my delegation would like to recommend Thailand:

1. To encourage public debate on the draft Constitution;
2. To fully respect freedom of press and expression;
3. To make efforts to address the issue of enforced disappearance, such as ensuring accountability.

Thank you, Mr. President. /End/