**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

**The 44th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Colombia**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of Colombia to its fourth cycle of the UPR.

We welcome the Colombian government’s efforts to build peace in the country, in particular through its “Total Peace” policy and the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement[[1]](#footnote-1). We also commend Colombia’s endeavors to promote and protect human rights, including by improving access to education and health care for children and vulnerable groups.

Encouraging Colombia’s ongoing efforts, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to prevent acts of violence, intimidation and reprisals against human rights defenders and social leaders;
2. Ensure that all human rights violations and abuses, including gender-based violence against women and girls, are investigated and perpetrators are held to account; and
3. Intensify efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination, especially against women, members of Indigenous Peoples and Afro-Colombian communities.

We wish Colombia a successful review. I thank you.

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1. Final Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace [↑](#footnote-ref-1)