**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

**The 45th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Central African Republic**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of the Central African Republic to its fourth cycle of the UPR.

We appreciate CAR’s efforts to improve the human rights situation in the country through strengthening its legal and institutional framework. In particular, we welcome the adoption of the national policy on human rights as well as the law on the prohibition of the recruitment of children in hostilities. We also note CAR’s commitment to fight impunity through the operationalization of the Special Criminal Court.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to implement the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation with a view to restoring peace and security in the country, and to ensure better protection of civilians;
2. Strengthen the training of justice officials and law enforcement officers for investigating cases of extrajudicial killing, torture and conflict-related sexual violence; and
3. Continue efforts to prevent human rights violations and abuses against children, including by effectively enforcing the Child Protection Code.

We wish the Central African Republic a successful review. I thank you.

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