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 **Review of Mexico**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of Mexico to its fourth cycle of the UPR, and appreciates that Mexico has made significant efforts to implement the recommendations of its third cycle, including its strengthening of mechanisms for protection of journalists and human rights defenders. The Republic of Korea takes special note to Mexico’s measures to protect women against violence, including gender-based violence, including the introduction of the Gender-based Violence Against Women Alert Mechanism in 22 states.

With such progress in mind, we would like to make the following recommendations;

1. Take more effective measures to close all digital divides, including measures to make internet access more affordable and accessible to indigenous peoples;
2. Step up its efforts to protect journalists, politicians and civil servants from homicide and other crimes, including through combating impunity and implementing more effective prevention measures;
3. Take measures to ensure that preventive detention is carried out in a way that conforms with international human rights standards;
4. Continue its efforts to combat sexual and gender-based violence;

We wish Mexico a successful review.

I thank you.

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