**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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**Review of Afghanistan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

My delegation is deeply concerned about the continuing deterioration of human rights situation in Afghanistan. While we note with concern the Taliban’s ongoing restrictions on a broad spectrum of rights, we are particularly alarmed by the systematic deprivation of the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan.

With that in mind, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Comply with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, by preventing violence and eliminating discrimination against women and girls, including with regard to the rights to education, work, and freedom of movement;

2. End extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detentions, intimidation and threats against the population, in particular against human rights defenders and journalists;

3. Reinstate a credible and independent national human rights complaint mechanism that is compatible with the Paris Principles;

We wish Afghanistan a successful review.

I thank you.