**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

**The 46th Session of the UPR Working Group**

 **Review of New Zealand**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea appreciates that New Zealand had made immense efforts to implement the recommendations of its last review, in particular establishing the Ministry of Disabled People to improve the rights of persons with disabilities. My delegation also commends New Zealand’s efforts to address family and sexual violence and to enhance child and youth wellbeing.

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

1. Accelerate steps towards ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;

2. Intensify efforts to reduce child poverty including children from the marginalized groups

3. Continue to tackle social inequalities experienced by Maori and Pasifika communities in education, employment, social service and justice;

We wish New Zealand a successful review.

I thank you.