**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of the Slovak Republic and appreciates the Government’s efforts in implementing recommendations from its third cycle. In particular, my delegation commends its efforts to protect women and children from violence, as well as to uphold the rights of national minorities, especially the Roma, through the adoption of national strategies and action plans.

With this progress in mind, we recommend the following:

1. Adopt legislative measures to strengthen the mandate and independence of the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights in full compliance with the Paris Principles.
2. Step up its efforts to eliminate all forms of segregation in education and to ensure non-discrimination and inclusive education, particularly for children with disabilities and minorities.
3. Continue to take measures to combat hate speech and to guarantee that all incidents of hate speech, including those occurring online, are effectively investigated.

We wish Slovakia a successful review.

I thank you.

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