**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

**The 48th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Iran (Islamic Republic of)**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran. We acknowledge Iran’s legislative efforts to protect the rights of children, adolescents, and women and to promote online freedom. We also recognize its generous and inclusive refugee policies as the largest host country of Afghan refugees.

However, we remain concerned about the human rights situation in Iran and recommend the following:

1. Expedite its efforts to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention against Torture (CAT);
2. Ensure that human rights defenders are not subjected to intimidation, harassment, arbitrary arrest, or detention for exercising their rights to freedom of expression, both online and offline, as well as the rights to peaceful assembly and association;
3. Strengthen its efforts to guarantee accountability through independent, impartial, and transparent investigations into allegations of human rights violations.

We wish Iran a successful review.

I thank you.

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