**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea highly appreciates Italy’s efforts to implement the recommendations it received during its third cycle, including the adoption of National action plan against trafficking and serious exploitation of human beings, as well as efforts for humanitarian corridors and resettlement programs.

With this progress in mind, we would recommend the following;

1. Expedite processes to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

2. Step up efforts to address hate speech online and violence against members of vulnerable groups, including minorities.

3. Continue strengthening its capacity for refugee reception and resettlement, including improving overcrowded facilities and increasing personnel for refugee status determination.

We wish Italy a successful review.

I thank you.

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