**Review of the National Report of**

**Republic of Korea**

Mr. President,

Afghanistan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea to the UPR working group and commends the well elaborated presentation of the national report of the Republic of Korea.

Afghanistan notes the dialogues carried out by the Republic of Korea with the Human Rights Special Procedures Mandate Holders particularly with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, which indicate the spirit of goodwill from the side of the Republic of Korea toward Human Rights values. Meanwhile, my country wishes to encourage the Republic of Korea for further endeavors leading to the ratification of Human Rights treaties especially the Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Mr. President,

Afghanistan believes that the rights of life as fundamental rights of human beings and thus we value any efforts in protecting the life of every human. Therefore, my Government commends the efforts made by the Republic of Korea to protect the right of life of its citizens specially the *Act for the Prevention of Suicide and the Creation of Culture of Respect for Life* as an effective legislative for preventing suicide.

While acknowledging the accomplishment made by the Republic of Korea in promotion and protection of human rights values and standards, my Government wishes to recommend to the Republic of Korea to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Finally, Afghanistan wishes all success to the delegation of the Republic of Korea for the effective implementation of the recommendations.

I thank you, Mr. President.