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**Recommendations by Canada for the Republic of Korea’s UPR**

Thank you Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the Republic of Korea’s efforts to enhance the role of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea.

Canada recommends that the Republic of Korea:

1. Protect the rights of LGBTI persons through the adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law that prohibits all forms of discrimination, including based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and abolish Article 92-6 of the Military Criminal Act, which criminalizes consensual same-sex relations.
2. Recognizeconscientious objection to military service, and allow conscientious objectors the option to perform an appropriate alternative service of a genuinely civilian character and of a length comparable to that of military service.
3. Fully abolish the death penalty, which has been under a de facto moratorium for 20 years.

Canada notes with concern the problems facing migrant workers and their families in Korea, and urges the government to take appropriate steps to improve the situation.