**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

**The 39th Session of the UPR Working Group Review of Suriname**

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Thank you, Madam President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of Suriname. We would like to commend the progress made by Suriname since its last review, notably the efforts made to improve its human rights framework. We especially welcome the execution of the Act to establish the Constitutional Court. Also, we note Suriname’s efforts to combat trafficking in persons, including the launch of the National Plan of Action for prevention and response.

The Republic of Korea encourages Suriname to continue its ongoing efforts in this vein. In a constructive spirit, we would like to make the following three recommendations:

1. Make further efforts to fully operationalize the National Human Rights Institute in accordance with the Paris Principles;
2. Continue its endeavor to combat gender-based violence, including domestic violence, and ensure that shelters and health care services are accessible to all victims, especially to those from rural backgrounds; and
3. Take further steps to improve access to education for all children, with a special focus on providing inclusive education for children with disabilities and indigenous children.

We wish Suriname a successful review. I thank you.

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