**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

**The 40th Session of the UPR Working Group Review of Lithuania**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends Lithuania for the progress achieved since its last review, especially in promoting gender equality and advancing women’s representation in leadership. We also welcome the active work of the Seimas Ombudsperson’s Office and commend Lithuania’s efforts in strengthening the legal and institutional framework for the protection of children’s rights.

Welcoming Lithuania’s membership into the Human Rights Council and encouraging its continued endeavors, we would like to recommend the following:

1. Implement concrete measures to combat gender stereotyping and consider further measures to better integrate women from minority backgrounds into the labor market;
2. Continue to effectively address domestic violence, including by thoroughly investigating cases of domestic violence and ensuring victims’ access to effective remedies; and
3. Strengthen ongoing efforts to combat hate speech and hate crimes against minority groups.

I thank you. /END/