**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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

**Review of South Sudan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of South Sudan to its third cycle of the UPR.

We appreciate South Sudan’s efforts to cooperate with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in implementing the Revitalized Peace Agreement and encourage all stakeholders to fully implement the agreement.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Expedite the ratification process for the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. Take concrete steps to ensure that all allegations of serious human rights violations including civilian killings, conflict-related sexual violence, arbitrary arrest and detention are promptly and impartially investigated; and
3. Step up efforts, in cooperation with international agencies, to create conditions conducive to the safe, voluntary, and dignified return of refugees and internally displaced persons.

We wish South Sudan a successful review. I thank you.

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