**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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**Review of the Sudan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea acknowledges Sudan’s efforts in improving its national legal framework for the protection of human rights.

However, we remain concerned over the human rights situation unfolding in Sudan since the dissolution of the transitional government. We are especially concerned by the violent repression of peaceful protesters as well as the recent reports of sexual violence during demonstrations.

While encouraging Sudan’s further efforts for its democratic transition, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Fully respect the freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and refrain from exercising excessive use of force against peaceful protesters;
2. Guarantee a safe and enabling environment for journalists and media workers and ensure the right of access to information; and
3. Strengthen cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms including the newly designated Expert on Human Rights in Sudan.

I thank you.

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