**Statement**

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Mr. President,

The Republic of Korea welcomes Morocco’s inclusive approach in preparation of the national report. We also commend steps taken to implement the “National Action Plan for Democracy and Human Rights” as a follow-up to the previous UPR.

We would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Step up efforts to fully protect freedom of expression and to ensure a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders and journalists;
2. Strengthen the legal framework to ensure that the minimum age of marriage is fully respected;
3. Take targeted measures to increase the political representation of women at all levels, including on local councils.

I thank you.

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