**Statement**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for its commitment to protecting and promoting human rights, especially in areas such as violence against women and girls, human trafficking, modern forms of slavery, and economic and social rights.

In particular, the Republic of Korea appreciates the United Kingdom’s continued leadership and active engagement in combating sexual violence in conflict, including convening the upcoming International Ministerial Conference on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative.

We would also like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take stronger action to combat hate crimes which was aggravated during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Continue efforts to promote equal political, social, and economic rights of ethnic minorities, especially women and girls.

Thank you.

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