**Draft Statement**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends India for the progress made in safeguarding the rights of vulnerable groups including women, children, and persons with disability. We especially welcome India’s new initiatives and policies aiming to ensure universal access to affordable health care and quality education.

With such progress in mind, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen efforts to ratify the Convention against Torture[[1]](#footnote-1);
2. Prioritize the promotion of the rights of religious minorities and marginalized social groups, in law and in practice, by tackling intolerance and discrimination on any ground; and
3. Ensure that laws regulating freedom of peaceful assembly and association, including the *Foreign Contribution Act*[[2]](#footnote-2), are fully compliant with international standards.

I thank you.

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1. The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act (FCRA)* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)