**Draft Statement**

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**Review of the Philippines**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of the Philippines to its fourth cycle of the UPR.

The Republic of Korea commends the Philippines for its efforts to implement the recommendations received during its last review, including the steps taken to improve the rights of the child. In particular, we welcome the adoption of legislative measures aimed at ending child marriage and protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

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

1. Ensure a human rights-based approach to drug control;
2. Continue its efforts to guarantee a safe and enabling environment for the work of independent media and civil society organizations; and
3. Ensure that the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines can continue to operate independently in line with the Paris Principles.

We wish the Philippines a successful review. I thank you.

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