**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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**Review of South Africa**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the positive steps taken by South Africa since its last review, notably in strengthening its legal and institutional framework to combat torture and human trafficking. These steps include the establishment of a National Preventive Mechanism against torture and the launch of the National Policy Framework on trafficking in persons[[1]](#footnote-1).

Encouraging South Africa’s ongoing efforts, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Reinforce efforts to implement the National Strategic Plan addressing gender-based violence and femicide and provide appropriate training to law enforcement agencies; and
2. Continue to take steps to combat racism and xenophobia with respect to, in particular, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

We wish South Africa a successful review. I thank you.

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1. Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons National Policy Framework (NPF) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)