Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea and thanks it for its National Report.

We commend the government for its continued efforts placing all human rights at the forefront of the national agenda.

To achieve further progress, Lithuania wishes to offer the Republic of Korea the following recommendations:

* One, ratify the *Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, aiming at abolition of the death penalty.
* Two, establish the universal birth registration that allows registration of births of all children born in the Republic of Korea, regardless of parents’ legal or social status.
* Three, continue efforts for monitoring, preventing and combating all forms of violence and abuse against women and children, including online violence.
* Four, take measures to increase women’s representation in public sector decision-making positions and seek to lower the gender pay gap.

We wish the Republic of Korea a successful review.

I thank you.