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**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bhutan**

Bhutan thanks the delegation for the report and notes with appreciation the efforts in implementing the recommendations from the last cycle and the submission of the midterm report in 2022.

We welcome the various legislative measures, such as the enactment of the Act on the Prevention of Human Trafficking (and the Protection of Victims), enforcement of the Act related to Domestic Violence (Act on Special Cases Concerning the Punishment of Crimes of Domestic Violence), and the preparations for the enactment of the Framework Act on Human Rights Policy.

We laud the measures in promoting the right to housing through publicly funded housing programmes and prioritizing supply of public rental houses to vulnerable groups. We also note the efforts in promoting and protecting the rights of the child.

While welcoming the efforts taken by RoK, in a constructive spirit, we recommend the following:

1. Continue its efforts in promoting the right to housing and adequate standard of living.
2. To review legislation related to juvenile justice and consider further measures related to detention of juveniles.
3. Consider establishment of an integrated response system and action plan to protect rights of vulnerable persons from climate risks.

We wish RoK every success in its review.

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