**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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**Review of Pakistan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends Pakistan’s ongoing efforts to improve the human rights situation in the country despite the challenges caused by the pandemic and climate induced events. In particular, we welcome Pakistan’s commitment to combat torture and child labour through strengthening its legal framework including the introduction of the Torture and Custodial Death Bill[[1]](#footnote-1).

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

1. Continue efforts to protect and promote the rights of women and girls by prohibiting child marriage and ensuring the effective implementation of the *Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act*;
2. Ensure that the right to a fair trial is in line with international standards; and
3. Guarantee a safe and enabling environment for the work of journalists and human rights defenders.

We wish Pakistan a successful review. I thank you.

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1. The Torture, Custodial Death and Custodial Rape (Prevention and Punishment) Bill [↑](#footnote-ref-1)