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**Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Korea**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Thursday, 26 January, 14:30 – 18:00*

*Ms./Mr. President,*

The delegation of Poland thanks the Republic of Korea for presentation of its national report and congratulates on efforts to implement recommendations accepted during the previous cycle of UPR.

As per agreed practice, Poland would like to recommend the Republic of Korea the following:

* to update the relevant labour legislation so that it covers all categories of workers, including non-regular workers;
* to further improve registration of migrant children with a view of full realization of their right to compulsory education;
* to continue efforts towards making alternative service for conscientious objectors of a non-punitive and civilian character, that is not disproportionately prolonged and not limited to being performed in correctional facilities. However, we note with appreciation the introduction of the legal option of alternative service as such.

Moreover, Poland would like to take this opportunity to commend the Republic of Korea for enforcing the new *Act on the Prevention of Human Trafficking and the Protection of Victims* as of January 2023. We encourage further efforts, based on the new legislation, to better realize human rights of victims of human trafficking, including in the areas of victims’ identification and protection.

We also congratulate the Republic of Korea for including human rights education as a subject of school curriculum. The delegation of Poland wishes the delegation of the Republic of Korea a successful UPR.

*Thank you.*