**Draft Statement**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends France for the positive developments achieved since its last review, notably in the field of combating racial discrimination and ensuring inclusive access to quality education for all children. We also note the continued efforts of the French government to reduce overcrowding in detention facilities.

With such progress in mind, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue its ongoing efforts to tackle discrimination and hate crimes based on race, ethnicity or religion, by effectively implementing the new National Plan to Combat Racism and Anti-Semitism[[1]](#footnote-1); and
2. Ensure that measures pertaining to the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association are fully compliant with international human rights standards, in particular regarding the use of force by law enforcement officials.

I thank you.

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1. National Plan to Combat Racism, Anti-Semitism and Discrimination Linked to Origin 2023-2026 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)