**Draft Statement**

**By Ambassador Seong Deok YUN of the Republic of Korea**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends Romania's efforts to protect and promote human rights since its previous UPR.

We welcome Romania's progress to combat corruption by implementing its 6th National Anticorruption Strategy, and to reform the judiciary, including the entry into force of the new Justice Laws.

We would also like to welcome Romania's endeavor to promote women's rights by launching the “Manifesto for women’s rights” with its objectives of strengthening the role of women.

While encouraging ongoing efforts to promote human rights, we recommend the Romanian government :

First, to continue its efforts to combat corruption in the health sector by strengthening measures on the violation of legal provisions on public procurement; and,

Second, to take further measures to prevent human trafficking, especially in children, and enhance assistance to victims.

The Republic of Korea wishes Romania all the success during its fourth cycle of UPR.

I thank you.

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