**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

**The 43rd Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Mali**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of Mali to its fourth cycle of the UPR.

We appreciate Mali’s endeavor to promote transitional justice, especially through the adoption of a national policy and related action plan. We also welcome the Malian authorities’ commitment to restore constitutional order and encourage the authorities to ensure compliance with its timetable for democratic elections.

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

1. Accelerate efforts to adopt legislation to combat sexual and gender-based violence including female genital mutilation and child marriage;
2. Strengthen cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms and MINUSMA with a view to preventing and investigating human rights violations and abuses; and
3. Make efforts to raise awareness to eradicate forced labour and slavery.

We wish Mali a successful review. I thank you.

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