**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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

**Review of Burundi**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

We recognize the progress made by the Burundian government since its last review, with regard to human rights and good governance by strengthening its legal and institutional framework. In particular, we welcome the introduction of a 30% quota for women in high-level political positions and the inclusion of the rights of domestic workers in the new Labour Code.

Encouraging Burundi’s ongoing efforts, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Undertake independent and transparent investigation into all allegations of human rights violations;
2. Ensure a safe and enabling environment where civil society, human rights defenders and media workers can exercise their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly without fear of reprisal.

We wish Burundi a successful review. I thank you.

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