**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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

**Review of United Arab Emirates**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of United Arab Emirates to its fourth cycle of the UPR.

We note the progress made by the UAE since its last review. We welcome the establishment of the National Human Rights Committee, which is currently in the process of developing a national human rights plan. We also appreciate the efforts toward enhancing the human rights situation of women and girls, such as the adoption and implementation of its 2022-2026 gender-balance strategy, as well as the adoption of laws and policies to prevent domestic abuse.

Encouraging the continued efforts of the UAE, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Step up efforts to ratify core international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Continue its efforts to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, including by strengthening ongoing efforts to ensure the equal participation of women in the workforce.

We wish the UAE a successful review. I thank you.

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