**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea acknowledges the progress made by the Israeli government in protecting the rights of persons with disabilities and driving international initiatives aimed at addressing sexual harassment. We especially welcome the enactment of the *Social Services for Persons with Disabilities Law* and the adoption of additional regulations to ensure accessibility. We encourage Israel to make further efforts to safeguard the rights of marginalized groups, by strengthening its legal frameworks.

While encouraging Israel to uphold the highest standards of human rights within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Make further efforts to ensure the equal rights of all persons, including by incorporating the principle of equality and non-discrimination into its *Basic Law*;
2. Take the necessary measures to secure a safe and enabling environment where civil society organizations can carry out their work freely without unlawful restrictions; and
3. Comply with its obligations under international law to protect and promote human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, especially with regard to access to land, housing and basic services.

We wish Israel a successful review.

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