**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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**Review of Serbia**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends the Serbian government for the progress made in human rights since its last review, including the establishment of the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue. We also welcome Serbia’s efforts to reform the judiciary and combat corruption by amending the constitution and the Law on Prevention of Corruption.

Bearing in mind the progress made, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Take further steps to improve media freedom by ensuring the safety of journalists, promoting media pluralism and transparency of media ownership.

2. Continue its efforts to effectively implement the Law on Prevention of Corruption.

3. Enhance measures to ensure that human rights defenders can freely carry out their activities in a safe and enabling environment.

We wish Serbia a successful review.

I thank you.

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