

# UPR INFO Pre-session for the Republic of Korea

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**National Human Rights Commission of Korea**

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# National Human Rights Commission

- **Established in November 2001 under the National Human Rights Commission Act**
- **Independent national body to promote and protect human rights in South Korea**
- **Accredited A status by the GANHRI SCA**
- **Submitted its UPR report in July 2022 proposing 25 recommendations**

# Issues to Address

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**The Legislation of Anti-discrimination Act**

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**Human Rights Protection in the Military**

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**The Rights of Migrants and Foreigners  
in Vulnerable Situations**

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# Anti-discrimination Act (Equality Act)

## Currently

- **Absence of comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation**
- **Opposition from some religious or conservative groups**
- **Four Equality Bills pending at the National Assembly**
- **Legislation process delayed**

# Anti-discrimination Act (Equality Act)

## Recommendations

- **Develop the Government strategy for enacting the Equality Act**
- **Pass the comprehensive Equality Act in an expeditious manner**
- **Establish policies and plans to eliminate discrimination and social prejudices against sexual minorities**

# Human Rights Protection in the Military

## Currently

- **Violence, ill treatment, sexual assault and harassment in the military: long-standing social concerns in Korea**
- **High rate of suicide among military deaths**
- **The human rights protection system in the military may not function effectively.**

# Human Rights Protection in the Military

## Recommendations

- **Establish a transparent, fair and effective human rights investigation and remedial procedure in the military**
- **Prevent attempts to conceal the incidents of violence, retaliatory actions against reporters, and the victimization of the victims of abuses**
- **Identify the root causes of suicide in the military and intensify the effort to prevent suicide**

# Migrants in Vulnerable Situations

## Currently

- **Restriction on the freedom to choose/change workplaces of migrant workers**
- **The immigration ‘protection’ system functions as ‘detention’ in reality.**
- **Detainees in immigration detention facilities are occasionally at risk of abuses.**



# Migrants in Vulnerable Situations

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### Recommendations

- Reduce or abolish the excessive restrictions on workplace changes of migrant workers, and support the migrant workers to seek their jobs freely
- Take measures for stronger human rights protection of migrants and foreigners in immigration detention

# Thank you!



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