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## Statement Regarding the Consideration of UPR-report on the Republic of Korea

Mr. President,

The National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea (NHRCK), an accredited member of the International Coordinating Committee of NHRIs (ICC) has actively participated in the UPR process through holding consultations with the Government and NGOs and submitting a stakeholder report.

Mr. President,

The NHRCK welcomes the 33 final recommendations made to the Republic of Korea following the second session of the UPR Working Group on May 9, all of which fall in the Commission's core mandate. Especially in regards to the death penalty and the National Security Law, the NHRCK has already made recommendations to the government calling for their abolishment. Concerning petitions outlining alleged violations of the right to the freedom of assembly, the NHRCK recommended that the

Assembly and Demonstration Act should be amended because Article 8 of the Act is subject to arbitrary interpretation. However, it is regretful acknowledging that these recommendations have yet to be fulfilled, and the NHRCK hopes that the government will adopt viable measures for implementation in the near future.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Korea was reelected as a member of the Human Rights Council last month. The NHRCK welcomes the reelection with anticipation that the government will fully and actively implement the voluntary pledges made as an initial member of the Council. We also believe that newly affirmed pledges on Korea's reelection will be implemented. The Commission will also cooperate with the Korean government and civil society to protect and promote human rights at the national and international level. In addition, the NHRCK anticipates that the role of national human rights institutions will be expanded in the UPR as well as follow-up processes.

Thank you.