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Republic of Korea

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We would like to welcome the delegation of the Republic of Korea and thank it for its report. We take note of Korea's thorough and inclusive preparation process in view of the third cycle of UPR, which is coupled with its continuous involvement in many positive human rights initiatives. Important strides have been made in the area of civil and political rights, including the mainstreaming of the respect for human rights among law enforcement personnel, and efforts to lower the number of suicides. We also take note of progress made in fighting domestic violence and protecting its victims.

Israel would like to present the Republic of Korea with the following recommendations:

- 1. Step up efforts to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and sexual identity, including through relevant legislation.
- 2. In response to the growing needs of older persons- consider developing a master plan that would bring under its wing the various initiatives designed to protect the rights of older persons.
- 3. Continue efforts to close the gaps that still exist in the working conditions of non-regular as opposed to regular workers.

Finally, Israel would like to wish the delegation of the Republic of Korea a successful UPR.

Thank you.