**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Republic of Korea**

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Mr President,

Slovenia would like to thank the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Korea for the national report and its presentation today. While we recognize improvements since last UPR cycle we remain concerned with human rights challenges related to the death penalty and discrimination.

We wish to therefore **recommend** to the Republic of Korea to:

* Commute without delay all death sentences to terms of imprisonment and work towards ratification of the ICCPR-OP2 aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
* adopt without delay a comprehensive Anti-discrimination Act that prohibits all forms of discrimination, including race, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Slovenia strongly believes that the full and equal exercise of human rights by all members of the society is essential to achieving a more prosperous and democratic society. We would like to strongly encourage the Government to enact practical and comprehensive measures to eliminate structural gender discrimination in the labor market, including the gender wage gap.

We note with concern that LGBTI persons are subject to discrimination and stigmatization in public and private spheres.

Thank you.