

Closing Remarks

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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished members of the Committee.

The last eight hours of intense discussions were indeed highly constructive. I would like to thank you all for your hard work and invaluable contributions during the whole sessions. We believe your insightful advice and recommendations will serve as valuable guides and sources of inspiration for my Government in years to come. They will also contribute to expanding our scope of action in our efforts to further promote and protect economic, social and cultural rights in Korea.

Mr. Chair,

While making collective efforts to prepare for this consideration, my delegation learned the preparation process is an integral part of the consideration, as important as the actual consideration itself. It provided us with a unique opportunity to reflect upon what we had achieved and what we had failed to do since the previous consideration and to galvanize our will to make further improvements.

We appreciate every advice and recommendation offered by this Committee. I assure you that we will give them thorough consideration and do our best to reflect them in our efforts to ensure the fuller enjoyment of human rights by all the people living in Korea.

I am confident that all the representatives from the 12 ministries, who have actively participated in this process, will, upon returning home, play a key role in taking effective follow-up measures.

In concluding, I would once again like to express my thanks to the distinguished members of the Committee and especially to you, Mr. Chairman, for your able leadership, which has guided us all through this important process.

I thank you. /End/