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## Statement by ROK on Mandates Review

Thank you, Mr. President.

We thank the facilitator, <sup>Shin In-hwan, in</sup> ~~and the clear outline~~ <sup>outlining clearly</sup> for the report and the clear outline for the future work of the Working Group.

<sup>Looking</sup> The Republic of Korea looks forward to <sup>a</sup> ~~participating in the~~ more detailed discussion in the Working Group. Today, ~~we~~ <sup>my delegation</sup> would like to share some basic principles that ~~we~~ believe, should guide our work of reviewing mandates.

(Special Procedures)

<sup>As was reported by the</sup> ~~Special~~ Procedures have played a key role in the promotion and protection of human rights in the UN human rights machinery. It should be further strengthened in the Human Rights Council.

The credibility and efficacy of special procedures lie in their independence, impartiality and expertise. These fundamental principles should be upheld in the future deliberation on the various aspects of SPs mechanism such as selection process, working method and follow-up mechanism.

The basic structure of SPs encompassing both thematic and country-specific mandates should be maintained.

We believe that the SOP should guide the work of SPs in a way to ensure a more systemized operations and more efficient and cooperative interaction between SPs and states concerned. ~~The SOP should be drawn up in a manner that it does not excessively undermine the autonomy of SPs.~~ <sup>However,</sup> ~~it should~~ In this regard, it is important that our review on working methods should ~~be proceeded~~ in close consultation with SPs themselves.

We welcome the revised manual which has recently been drawn up by mandate holders. We are now examining the content of this revised manual and look forward to ~~commenting~~ <sup>express our views</sup> on them ~~in~~ <sup>at</sup> an appropriate stage.

of our future work.

The Council needs to establish an operative mechanism to discuss the reports by the SPs ~~substantively~~ <sup>a substantive as well as</sup> and in an interactive manner. The Council also should follow-up on the conclusions and recommendations provided by the SPs, and when deemed necessary, ~~will~~ <sup>should be able</sup> take appropriate action on them.

We believe that the review of each mandates should ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> proceeded in a open-ended, transparent and inclusive manner. There could be a possibility of termination or merger of existing mandates as a result of the review. We hope that views and ideas of relevant stake holders, particularly mandate-holders themselves will be duly channeled into our deliberation on each mandates.

Mr. President,

The Human Rights Council should ~~continued~~ <sup>continue</sup> to be benefited from expert advice mechanism. New expert advice mechanism should provide expertise and guidance for the Council as its predecessor. The Republic of Korea is considering various options regarding the specific form it might take. ~~As a~~ <sup>In</sup> principle, we believe that new mechanism should be devised to work in a more efficient, expertise-oriented manner.

Individual complaint mechanism has been a crucial element to respond grave and systemic human rights violation. We believe that individual complaint mechanism in the Council should be improved in a way to better ensure the impartiality and objectivity throughout the process. We believe that the issue of confidentiality needs to be carefully handled to ensure the best possible results in terms of protecting human rights and providing remedies to victims of human rights violation.

With these remarks, my delegation look forwards to participating future discussion in the W/G with more specific proposals. Thank you.