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Her Excellency Ms. Navy Pillay High Commissioner for Human Rights

Your Excellency,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to submit an independent report of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea (NHRCK), an independent "A" status institution, to the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) as part of the Second Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

The attached report of the NHRCK for the UPR in 2012 mainly consists of three parts; (1) a follow-up to the recommendations which were accepted by the Government; (2) a follow-up to the recommendations which were not fully accepted by the Government; and (3) a proposal regarding human rights policy across all sectors in the country.

The NHRCK also actively participated in the 1st cycle of the UPR with a written submission, the UPR Working Group monitoring, and oral intervention during interactive dialogue at the session of the Republic of Korea.

I am confident that our comprehensive report will contribute to the review of the Republic of Korea during the UPR session.

Yours sincerely,

Hyun Byung-Chul Chairperson

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