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Statement of the Republic of Korea

Thank you, Madame / Mr. Chairperson,

First of all, my delegation would like to congratulate you on your election as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Second Session of this Inter-Governmental Working Group and thank you for your informative presentation of the advanced version of the draft declaration.

Madame / Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation ^{appreciates} notes the efforts that have been made to elaborate the draft declaration since the first Working Group session in 2013. We also understand that according to the agenda and program of work adopted, the presented draft declaration will be a basis for our discussions during this session.

Considering the importance attached to the declaration, however, it is unfortunate that we were unable to conduct a sufficient analysis on the new draft prior to the session because of the late circulation of the new draft and the lack of time to examine it in detail.

Moreover, as there still exists divergent views on the need for a UN declaration, it is not easy to identify a broad consensus on this matter.

In this regard, we share the concerns expressed by other delegations on the above-mentioned issues. We also believe that those concerns need to be addressed properly in order for all of us to embark on the meaningful negotiation of the text of the draft declaration.

Thank you, Madame / Mr. Chairperson