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Written submission by the Republic of Korea: National Human Rights Commission*

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Annex

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Submission by the Republic of Korea: National Human Rights Commission

NHRCK Chairperson's Statement on the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association

The National Human Rights Commission of Korea ("NHRCK") highly appreciates all the efforts of Mr. Maina Kiai, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association, who has been working ceaselessly to promote human rights, and his keen attention and advice on the promotion of the rights to freedom of assembly and association in the Republic of Korea ("Korea").

The NHRCK is a national human rights institution founded for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the inviolable rights of each and every person, realizing our dignity and worthiness as human beings, and establishing a democratic social order, and has been conducting its missions to promote compliance with international human rights standards and implement human rights in Korea.

The NHRCK, being a national human rights institution, will exert itself to implement the guidelines proposed by the Special Rapporteur in the process of reviewing and commenting upon government policies with a careful attention to his concerns and recommendations for the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

In addition, the NHRCK would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for offering his advice on its activities. The NHRCK, in particular, is fully aware of the need to enhance cooperation with civil society as suggested by him; thus, the NHRCK has newly established a team dedicated to communication and cooperation in October 2015 in an effort to shore up cooperation and communication not only with government departments but also with civil society organizations.

In May 2016, the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions has reaffirmed an A rating for the NHRCK in its assessment, recognizing its efforts to seek revision of the National Human Rights Commission Act and secure transparency in the selection process of commissioners. In conformity with the Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions, the NHRCK will continue to fulfill its responsibilities as a leading national human rights institute in the world.

Once again, the NHRCK deeply appreciates the Special Rapporteur paying close attention to the promotion of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in Korea.