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PROGRAMA DE ACCIÓN DE VIENA**

**Información presentada por la Comisión Nacional de
Derechos Humanos de la República de Corea¹**

Nota de la Secretaría

La Secretaría del Consejo de Derechos Humanos ha recibido la siguiente comunicación², que se reproduce a continuación, de conformidad con el artículo 7 b) del reglamento que figura en la resolución 5/1 del Consejo de Derechos Humanos, según el cual "La participación de las instituciones nacionales de derechos humanos se basará en las disposiciones y prácticas convenidas por la Comisión de Derechos Humanos, incluida la resolución 2005/74 de 20 de abril de 2005".

¹ La institución nacional de derechos humanos que presenta la información tiene la acreditación de la categoría "A" ante el Comité Internacional de Coordinación de las Instituciones Nacionales de Promoción y Protección de los Derechos Humanos.

² Se reproduce en el anexo tal como se recibió, en el idioma original solamente.

Annex

Establishment

National Human Rights Commission of Republic of Korea was established in November 25, 2001 as an independent body from the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial branches to ensure that inviolable, fundamental human rights of all individuals are protected and promoted. It has a headquarters and three regional offices with an annual budget of 25 million US dollars. The legal status of the commission is complied with *the Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights* (Paris Principles).

Mandates and jurisdiction

The Commission shall perform the following mandates (Article 19 of the Commission Act):

- Analysis and research of human rights statutes (including bills pending at the National Assembly), legal and judicial systems, policies and practices as well as issuance of opinions and improvement recommendations thereon
- Investigation of human rights violations and discriminatory practices, and provide remedies
- Education and public awareness programs on human rights
- Research and issuance of recommendations or opinions with respect to the ratification and/or implementation of international human rights treaties to which Korea is a party
- Cooperation with domestic and overseas organizations and activists

Main activities

- The Commission performed surveys and researches on various law, system, policy, and practice relating human rights and issued 145 recommendations: including annulment of National Security Act, abolishment of capital punishment, and abolishment of the male-only family head system. Out of the 145 recommendations, 82 per cent are accepted or being considered for amendment.
- Personal filing of complaints as of October 31, 2007 consists of 22,296 cases (79.8%) of Human Rights violation by the government organ, followed by 3,904 cases (14%) of Discrimination, and lastly 1,745 cases (6.2%) of requesting reformation of current law and system.
- Concerning the cases of human rights violation, the Commission provides relief and protection to victims. Over 90 per cent of NHRCK-initiated recommendations have been accepted by the concerned institutions.

- The Commission has conducted investigations and provided remedies on discriminatory acts in violation of the right to equality which was based on gender, religion, disability, age, race, and social status and etc. Awareness on the equality is gaining strength in every field of society.
- In order to enhance social awareness on human rights, the Commission has actively initiated educational projects, such as developing education materials, producing films, photographs and cartoons, operating on/offline human rights education program. Also, the Commission has offered a sustainable human rights education program for school teachers and law enforcement officers.
- The commission is involving actively with the international human rights community, such as HRC, ICC and APF.
