Statement of the Republic of Korea

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☐ Thank you, Chair.

☐ The Korean government views that SDGs implementation is an essential work to be done for ensuring every human’s dignity. In the context, Korea submitted voluntary national review last year.

☐ Korean people are getting better aware of the importance of the SDGs, and there have been actions by multi-stakeholders including the central and local government, parliament, and civil society organizations.

☐ (중앙정부) For the government, Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Statistics Agency are working together to establish national implementation scheme of the SDGs.

☐ Since 0000, the National Commission on Sustainable Development has been playing a central role in achieving balanced development in three dimension of economy, society and environment.

☐ Last year, Korea updated its Basic Plan for Sustainable Development for the period from 2016 to 2035, reflecting SDGs, and also released the national Report on Sustainability.
A Forum involving government research institutes was organized to conduct study on compatibility of the goals and targets with national policies in place and to identify policy needs to achieve the SDGs.

- we are working to appoint a responsible agency which will lead the implementation of each goal.

Last year, the Statistics Agency conducted a study to measure applicability of the international SDGs indicators in developing domestic index and targets.

Legislators are also working on the SDGs including through the National Assembly Forum on UN SDGs and debate session on improvement of laws and regulation for SDGs implementation.

Efforts are being made at local level, as well, including enactment of ordinances, organization of consultation committee, and developing sustainability report.

Academia and civil society are increasingly interested in SDGs and call on the government for implementation efforts.

The government is trying to closely work together with the civil society through expanding communication. For instance, after the submission of the Voluntary National Review, we held two public consultation session.

The Korea Business Council for Sustainable Development
convenes once or twice a year to discuss business sector’s contribution to sustainable development including on GHG emissions and chemical safety.

\textless\textbf{글로벌 SDGs 이행 기여}\textgreater

\textcircled{1} Chair,

\textcircled{2} In the hopes to make contributions in realizing the global sustainable development, Korea has been mainstreaming the SDGs in its policy for development cooperation.

\begin{itemize}
  \item And since last year, ODA implementing agency is required to identify which goals are their projects and programs are targeting.
  \item Based on its own development experience Korea also selected some areas in which it has an comparative advantage, such as education, health, and science, technology and innovation. Focusing on these areas, Korea has been supporting the SDGs implementation of developing countries.
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\textless\textbf{SDGs 이행을 위한 향후 계획}\textgreater

\textcircled{1} Chair,

\textcircled{2} The Korean government has a set of plans on SDGs
implementation at national level.

- First one is to set a national implementation plan. During 2017, we will finalize the National SDGs Implementation Strategy through inter-agency consultation and engagement of stakeholders.

- The second plan is to establish a mechanism for indicator-based monitoring, evaluation and policy improvement.

- Lastly, we are planning to enhance activities for raising public awareness and strengthen the governance for SDGs implementation at local level.

< ESCAP의 기여 >

☐ And taking this opportunity, I’d like to express sincere gratitudes to ESCAP for its support to promote regional discussion among multi-stakeholers on SDGs implementation.

- I expect this forum will encourage national follow up and review and will contribute to the global discussion as well.

Thank you.