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Thank you, Mr. President,

My delegation would like to take this opportunity to commend UN Women for its impressive achievements in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women. Through its three-year establishment period, UN Women has successfully transformed itself into a stronger and more effective organization in delivering results.

This year, the Government of the Republic of Korea has decided to make a voluntary contribution of approximately $4.7 million to UN Women. Subsequent to last year, $3.9 million has been allocated to core resources while the remaining amount has been allocated to non-core resources.

This contribution underscores the importance that the Republic of Korea places on gender equality and women’s empowerment, as well as its support for UN Women and its mandate. We note with satisfaction that UN Women has diversified its donor base and expanded partnerships with diverse actors, including the private sector. We look forward to seeing UN Women’s resource mobilization targets achieved in the near future.

The Republic of Korea would also like to encourage UN Women to keep pursuing value for money by further improving cost efficiency in its program operations and management. The Entity’s sustained efforts to enhance effective operational capability will help secure firm support from Member States and other stakeholders.

Thank you.