

# Statement by the Republic of Korea

## **Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in Myanmar (12 March 2012)**

The Republic of Korea would like to express its appreciation for the informative and detailed report by Mr. Quintana, reflecting the result of his latest visit to Myanmar. The Republic of Korea is also pleased to note that he has enjoyed the full cooperation of the Government of Myanmar.

As the Special Rapporteur observed, the speed and breadth of reforms in Myanmar has been surprising. The Republic of Korea believes that the efforts of the international community, including through annual resolutions adopted by this Council and the General Assembly, have played a key role in bringing out the positive developments towards democratization and improvement of human rights in Myanmar.

At the same time, the Republic of Korea also agrees with the Special Rapporteur that serious challenges remain, which include the independence of judiciary, reform of the legislation and their implementation, and further steps to a genuine and broader national reconciliation. The international community shall continue to support the Government of Myanmar to take further and sustained action for irreversible progress, which will ultimately lead to a solid and stable democracy in Myanmar with full respect of human rights of its citizens.

In this regard, the role of the Special Rapporteur remains important. The Republic of Korea looks forward to his continued contribution to the improvement of human rights in Myanmar with constructive engagement with the Government of Myanmar. /End/