**Response to the Request from the OHCHR**

(March 24, 2022)

**Death Penalty**

In 2020 at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Republic of Korea voted in favor of the resolution on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty for the first time. At the 48th session of the Human Rights Council, the Republic of Korea voted for the resolution on the question of the death penalty as well. There has been no execution carried out in the Republic of Korea since December 1997.

In addition, the Republic of Korea endeavors to protect the rights of families of inmates including those sentenced to death, in particular the rights of the underage children of inmates who are suffering from psychological anxiety and social stigmatization due to the unexpected confinement of their parents. The Ministry of Justice provides counseling visits at home and psychological testing for the children, connects them with the governmental welfare system, and continuously monitors their needs.

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