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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and with reference to the latter's Note No. IW/MK/SW/is dated 4 June 2008, has the honor to inform the latter of various measures taken by the Government of Republic of Korea for the rights of persons with disabilities.

- ◆ The Republic of Korea is keenly aware of the importance of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which has come into force on May 8, 2008, and therefore aims to ratify it at the earliest date possible within this year.
- ◆ The Republic of Korea has been taking steps domestically toward ratification of the aforementioned Convention. The convention is currently under review by the National Assembly for its ratification. The date of its ratification depends largely on proceedings of the National Assembly itself, whose members fully recognize the historical significance of the Convention and its ratification.
- ◆ Regarding the implementation of the Convention, the Republic of Korea has taken key legal measures. One good example is an "Act on Anti-discrimination against the Persons with Disabilities and the Remedies" which was enacted in April 2008 with an aim to create legally and institutionally favorable conditions for the implementation of the Convention. The Act also has various provisions to ensure that comprehensive human rights of persons with disabilities are more effectively protected than ever before.
- ◆ As part of its efforts to foster an environment conducive for the implementation of the Convention, the Republic of Korea published "Guidelines to Ensure Human Rights for Persons with Disabilities Living in Disabled Housing Facilities" in 2008.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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