



Pledge submitted by the Republic of Korea to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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Pledging entity: The Government of the Republic of Korea

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: The Republic of Korea (ROK) will increase its contributions to major UN human rights agencies, including the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR) and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Pending approval from the National Assembly, the ROK will more than double its contributions to the OHCHR to approximately 5 million US dollars and more than quadruple its contributions (unearmarked) to the UNHCR to approximately 18 million US dollars, respectively, in 2024.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: The Republic of Korea (ROK) will step up its efforts to advance the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda. It will prioritize the WPS agenda in its activities as a Security Council member (2024-2025). Moreover, through its 'Action with Women and Peace Initiative,' the ROK will strive to prevent and respond to sexual violence in conflicts and support women's participation in peace processes. In addition, the ROK will launch and implement the 4th National Action Plan on WPS duly reflecting opinions of different stakeholders.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2026

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: The Republic of Korea (ROK) will enhance its efforts to promote the human rights situation in North Korea. It will support the activities and capacity building of civil society organizations dedicated to North Korean human rights issues. Furthermore, it will continue its endeavors in investigating and accumulating evidence of human rights violations and abuses related to North Korea. In addition, the ROK government will work with the international community to raise awareness of the grave human rights situation in North Korea.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: The Republic of Korea (ROK) will strengthen education and training to raise public awareness of international human rights norms. It will improve accessibility to human rights information for government officials and the general public. Additionally, the ROK government will raise awareness of international human rights norms in Korea, including through organizing public events.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027

PLEDGE NUMBER 5: The Republic of Korea (ROK) will continue to promote the human rights of persons in vulnerable situations. It plans to ratify the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption once relevant national Acts are implemented in July 2025. It will also step up its efforts to implement the recently adopted Act of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons, etc. and Protection of Victims. As the ROK acceded to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in January 2023, it will align relevant domestic law with the Convention accordingly so that a faithful implementation is ensured.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2028