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Status of the 1954 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees and
relating to the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees,

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Thank you Mr. Chair.

At the outset, the Government of the Republic of Korea expresses its appreciation to the Secretary General for his

Indeed, we are now confronted with a growing number of displaced persons and a sharp increase in refugees, as well as other persons in this context, the Government of the Republic of Korea welcomes the adoption of resolutions of the 2nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Geneva, 2005. In particular, as the result of a driven intergovernmental process in order to submit the outcome of the process to the 3rd International Conference, the Republic of Korea will play a constructive role in the effort to improve the humanitarian situation of refugees and other persons to prevent and protect victims of conflict and emergency situations.

Mr. Chair

We, as States, have the obligation to ensure that parties to armed conflicts respect international humanitarian law. Specifically, we should ensure that investigations into breaches of international humanitarian law are carried out; that perpetrators are held accountable so that we can put an end to impunity; and that we develop concrete mechanisms to improve compliance.

Of course, we should also ensure that humanitarian suffering in armed conflicts is addressed through more political efforts and settle conflicts, and therefore, to ease the plight of the most vulnerable, women and children.

Last but not least, we would like to highlight the important role of the ICRC in disseminating international humanitarian law. We will continue to work together to address challenges to IHL.

Thank you.