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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and has the honor to transmit herewith the response of the Government of the Republic of Korea to the Communication regarding the *Press Arbitration Act* (OL KOR 4/2021), dated 27 August 2021, from the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

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

Attached: As stated

Geneva, 8 September 2021



Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**The Government of the Republic of Korea's Response
to the Communication from UN Human Rights Council
Special Procedures, dated August 27, 2021**

(September 8, 2021)

In response to the communication dated 27 August 2021 by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Government of the Republic of Korea submits its response concerning the progress of the amendment bill of the Act on Press Arbitration and Remedies, etc. for Damage Caused by Press Reports as follows:

The communication by the Special Rapporteur has been shared with the National Assembly, as requested.

The members of the National Assembly reached an agreement to review the amendment bill and engage in consultations for a month rather than put the amended draft of the Act to a vote at their August 30 plenary session.

During this period, a parliamentary consultative group will be formed to discuss the bill through open communication and in-depth deliberations. The group will consist of lawmakers from both the ruling and opposition parties, figures from the media and other relevant experts.

The Government of the Republic of Korea has continued its efforts to protect the freedom of expression of its people and will continue any policy efforts to that end.

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