Subject: The National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea’s View on the topics of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the rule of law

With reference to the letter dated on 13 March 2018 with the subject of Second session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law on “Parliaments as promoters of human rights, democracy and the rule of law” (22~23 November 2018, Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva),

The National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea (NHRCK) which is an A Status member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the rule of law in the Office of High Commissioner’s Office for High Commissioner.

The NHRCK,

Recognizing that the principles relating to the status of national institutions (the Paris Principles, adopted by United Nations General Assembly 48/134) state that NHRI shall establish an “effective cooperation” with the Parliaments,

Noting that “Belgrade Principles on the relationship between national human rights institutions and parliaments (2012) and the Abuja Guidelines on the relationship between parliaments, parliamentarians and commonwealth national human rights institutions (2004) that emphasize the cooperation between parliaments and NHRI,

Suggests that “the cooperation between Parliaments and NHRI for the promotion and protection of human rights” be discussed as a topic of the Second session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law on “Parliaments as promoters of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The NHRCK avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of its highest consideration to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

13 April 2018