

**Message by H.E. Ambassador CHO Hyun**

**Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea**

**For the Virtual Ceremony to Mark the Commemoration of the Signing of  
the Charter of the United Nations (UN)**

Friday, 26 June 2020, 09:00-12:00

Mr. President,

Allow my delegation to express its sincere appreciation to you for hosting today's meaningful ceremony amid these challenging times. 75 years ago, the founders of the United Nations came together to sign the UN Charter which enshrines the strong collective commitment to save future generations from the scourge of war, protect human rights and dignity, respect international law, and promote social progress and better standards of life. Despite the significant achievements made over the last 75 years, the UN Charter still faces daunting challenges. We need to once again renew our overarching commitment to international cooperation and the principles of the UN Charter, because the challenges we now face are inherently global and call for stronger solidarity and cooperation based on multilateralism.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Korea was not one of the founding members of the United Nations when the Charter was signed in 1945, but it is a country whose very existence is a breathing validation to the relevance and success of the UN Charter. Had it not been for the help of the UN in post-war reconstruction, the Republic of Korea, as it stands today, would not exist. Next year will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of Korea's joining to the UN. Carrying a strong sense of responsibility commensurate with the progress it has made, the Republic of Korea is committed to playing a greater role in realizing the goals of peace, human rights, and sustainable development, as envisioned by the founders of this Organization 75 years ago in San Francisco. Thank you. /END/