

## **Statement by the Republic of Korea on the occasion of the Meeting of the Consultative Group for Yemen in London on 16 November 2006**

I would like to join in commending the efforts of the Yemeni Government in formulating the third Soda—economic Development Plan for Poverty Reduction (DPPR) successfully. And I would like to extend my wishes that the Strategic Vision 2025 of Yemen will see its concrete results as planned.

Particularly, I appreciate the excellent role the DPPR plays in addressing pressing social, economic and civil society challenges facing Yemen today. I hope the government and the private sector will be able to work very closely together to implement the DPPR successfully.

The Korean Government is pleased to note that it has provided grant and soft loan to Yemen, worth 33 Million US dollars in total since 1991. The Korean Government continues to be committed to transferring and spreading its development experience with a particular focus on supporting the human resources development in Yemen.

Taking this opportunity, the Korean government is also pleased to announce two new soft loan projects, worth 51 Million US dollars in total, that will contribute to introducing the electronic ID card (Smart Card) and building the Vocational Training Center in Yemen.

Thank you.