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**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the UN
Formal Meeting on GSDM
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At the outset, I would like to express my Government's deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who are affected by the tragic shooting incident in New Zealand yesterday.

Madame Chair,

First of all, I would like to thank the Secretariat for the report and its outreach effort to help Member States understand its new proposal. I also thank ACABQ for its report.

I would like to reiterate that efficiency has to be the key element in our discussions on the GSDM. In disregard, my delegation is of the view that despite Secretariat's effort, it is not clear that establishing 'four' GSSCs is the most efficient way for the GSDM. It is also not clear whether the follow-the-sun model has been endorsed by this Committee.

My delegation believes step-by-step approach would be the faster way to reach a conclusion on our discussions. We should first reach a conclusion on the number of GSSCs and their basic structures, and then we should discuss on the locations of these Centers.

My delegation understands that we need to speed up our discussions as the GSDM issue has already been discussed for several years.

We are ready to engage in constructive discussions throughout various meetings on the GSDM.

Thank you. /END/