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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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This Report has been prepared in compliance with Article 17 of the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

#### **Notification of the measures taken pursuant to Article 13, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Protocol**

This Protocol entered into force on January 14, 1998 for the Republic of Korea, which deposited the instrument of Ratification on January 2, 1996.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, has legislated a law to implement the Protocol in Korea, the “Act on Antarctic Activities and Environmental Protection” on March 22, 2004, which was taken into effect from September 23 last year according to Addendum (1) of the Act.

The draft of this Act was unanimously approved in the National Assembly on March 2, 2004 with a hope that the Republic of Korea could contribute more to international efforts to protect the Antarctic.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries is preparing its Enforcement Decree for stipulating the details of terms and procedures left by the Act.

This Enforcement Decree mostly prescribes the establishment of a master plan for promoting the Antarctic research and the details of procedures of entering in the Antarctic area.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and Fisheries makes an effort to contain almost all provisions protecting the Antarctic, which will wholly meet with the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.