Republic of Korea has introduced and implemented the following measure in accordance with Article 12 of the UNCAC.

- Operating Policy Council for Transparent Society

**Policy Council for Transparent Society**

The ACRC has pushed forward setting up the Policy Council for Transparent Society to send a message at home and abroad that the Korean government is working hard to eradicate corruption as well as to make cooperative networks with diverse sectors of society in order to enhance the national brand, the level of integrity and trust which are core competitiveness in the global arena. The Policy Council for Transparent Society was launched December 12, 2009 with 26 organizations and groups in 9 sectors such as public service, politics, economy, civil society, state-owned companies, academia, media, and local governments. The council is taking a role to facilitate communication and cooperation between the public and private sectors. The four main functions of the council are as follows;

First, the council develops policy agenda by sector to create a clean and faithful society, so that the public sector carries forward anti-corruption policies, while the economic sector supports companies to establish and disseminate ethical management, and the political sector pushes ahead with a culture of clean election.

Second, the council facilitates cooperation among various sectors by sharing project plans by sector and revitalizes networks by discovering and disseminating best practices. At the beginning of each year, each sector makes presentations on their project plans so that other sectors can share the contents and jointly carry forward the projects after collecting various opinions from other related sectors.

Third, the council discovers anti-corruption policy agenda at policy symposiums and makes efforts to upgrade the level of national integrity, as well as to change the awareness on national credit ratings.

Fourth, the council collects various opinions on improvements of laws and regulations which undermine transparency and trust and supports the institutional improvements utilizing the functions of the ACRC to make corrective recommendations for institutional improvements.

The committee for transparent society is making continuous efforts to enhance the level of anti-corruption and integrity of the nation as a cooperative body of all social sectors in order to enhance the national brand. Many social groups and organizations such as feminist movement...
groups, civil societies, and professional associations agree on the purpose of the committee and are actively participating in joint efforts.

The committee also signed an MOU with Korea Broadcasting System (KBS) to strengthen the ties with the media sector and jointly pushed forward various events to enhance integrity, such as conducting “World of Integrity” campaigns and holding joint symposiums. The ACRC also will do its best to enhance integrity and social trust as a responsible government agency.

Examples of the successful implementation of domestic measures adopted to comply with article 12:

Five leading economic organizations in Korea and the economic consultative group led by the Korean Institute of Certified Public Accountants played their essential role in leading success of the "Policy Council for Transparent Society" by conducting public-private discussions on cooperative projects of the council and encouraging private players to participate in their concerned projects through effective promotion.

With the cooperation of the consultative group, ethical management educations for private companies have been carried out, twice in 2010 (74 participants from 69 companies) and 5 times in 2011 (246 participants from 160 companies), following a pilot test in 2009. Moreover, the ACRC has published an web-magazine, “Corporate Ethics Brief” which deals with the latest trends at home and abroad, best practices, and articles of prominent figures regarding ethical management, and distributed it to 1,577 (as of December 2011) people of public and private companies, economic organizations, and academia. By doing this, the Commission has contributed to raising anti-corruption awareness and disseminating the importance of ethical management to domestic companies and the whole society.

Working with its main partner, the Korean Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the ACRC also has conducted educations about IFRS and co-hosted "Symposium for Transparent Accounting to Realize Fair Taxation" and "Symposium to Evaluate Accounting Transparency in Private and Public Sector," making its efforts to enhance transparency in the economic sector.