

**Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the UPR of Ecuador
(21 May 2012)**

My delegation appreciates the introduction of informative report by H.E. Mr. Lenin Moreno Garces, Vice-President of Ecuador.

We commend the Government of Ecuador, as a responsible member of the Human Rights Council, for upholding the fundamental principles of international human rights law and arguing that the fundamental mission of the body is the promotion of peace and multilateralism. Ecuador has adopted positions of principle during the recent international crises, denouncing attempts to manipulate the Council politically for economic or geopolitical ends or to use it to legitimize military intervention.

The DPRK welcomes the initiative of the Government of Ecuador to include human rights programs and training in the strategic plan for the modernization of the police forces and in the curriculum of the National Police Academia. Nevertheless, the DPRK **recommends** the Government of Ecuador to continue these efforts to guarantee the respect of all Human Rights by members of the National Police.

The DPRK recognizes that Ecuador's Constitution stipulates priority attention to persons with disabilities. Therefore, the DPRK **recommends** the Government of Ecuador to keep combating discrimination in respect of employment and occupation for this important group of people, in accordance with Ecuador's Constitution and law.

Thank you, Mme. President.