

Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the UPR of Canada

(26 April 2013)

Mr. President,

My delegation takes note of the explanatory statement by the Canadian delegation on the efforts and achievements during the implementation of the 1st cycle UPR recommendations.

However, we have serious concerns at continued violations of right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, torture and other ill-treatment, racial discrimination and xenophobia. We have particular concern at the marked over-incarceration of Aborigines, Afro-Canadians and ethnic minorities including women as well as disproportionate use of force by the police against Afro-Canadians.

In this regard, my delegation wishes to **recommend** Canada

1) to put an end to the violations of right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, torture and other ill-treatment

2) to put an end to disproportionate use of force by the police against all citizens, in particular, Afro-Canadians

3) to take necessary measures aimed at removing the root-causes of racial discrimination, xenophobia and over-incarceration of Aborigines, Afro-Canadians and ethnic minorities including women.

Thank you.