

**Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the UPR of
Federal Republic of Germany
(25 April 2013)**

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Germany to the UPR led by Mr. Markus Loning, Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid at the Federal Foreign Office.

We take note of the explanatory statement by the delegation on the efforts and successes made in protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

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 government's counter-terrorism policy and its execution. The government declined to state that it would rule out intelligence cooperation and information-sharing with states that have a well-known record of torture.

In this regard, my delegation **recommends** Germany

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

2) to adopt effective measures to protect human rights in executing counter-terrorism policy

3) to take all necessary measures to prevent the reappearance of Nazism, in order to eradicate the root cause of all racially motivated criminal acts.

Thank you.