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**Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the UPR of
Dominican Republic**

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes and congratulates the delegation of the Dominican Republic headed by H.E. Mme. Alejandra Liriano de la Cruz, vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for the excellent presentation of a comprehensive and informative national report.

We commend the Government of the Dominican Republic for the achievements and progress made in the implementation of recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR in December 2009.

We commend, in particular, the achievements made in the implementation of strategic framework which proposes a roadmap to declare the Dominican Republic free of child labor as well as the progress made in helping children and adolescents by drafting a provision to combat child abuse that covers corporal physical punishment based on the Guide on Comprehensive Health Care for Children and Adolescent Victims of Violence and Abuse. Development of standards against the child abuse encourages the country to keep forward on this topic.

We wish the Government of the Dominican Republic all the best in furtherance of its positive effort for protection and promotion of human rights

In this respect, my delegation would like to recommend the Dominican Republic to keep running multiple programmes to combat against the domestic violence supported by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Women.

Thank you.