

STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE
UPR OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
KOREA: 14:30 – 18:00 HOURS, 1 MAY 2014

Mr President,

Zimbabwe extends its appreciation to the delegation of the DPRK for their report, ~~on the activities undertaken to implement the recommendations the country accepted during its first cycle review in 2009.~~

It is worth noting that during the period under review, the DPRK introduced a number of laws designed to enhance its efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people. These include: Laws on the promotion and protection of women's and children's rights; Law on the Care of the Elderly; Law on the Protection of Persons with Disabilities; and the Law on Labour Protection.

The country has embarked on various projects to realise the economic, social and cultural rights of the people. In this regard, a number of remarkable achievements have been scored in the areas of health care, education, housing and food security.

Furthermore, it has introduced human rights education at formal educational institutions and judicial officers' training centres. This has been complemented by public awareness raising programmes through live broadcasting of lectures by renowned human rights scholars and distribution of books on human rights to help citizens have broad knowledge about the nature of the subject as well as key international human rights instruments and mechanisms.

In terms of its international commitments, the DPRK signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in July 2013 and work is underway to ratify it.

Zimbabwe urges the DPRK to:

- Accelerate the ratification of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
- Consider acceding to other international human rights instruments which it is not yet a party to.

I thank you Mr President.