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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the second cycle of the UPR.

Brazil commends Korea for having signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and stresses the importance of its ratification.

We note with satisfaction the first reunion of families separated by the conflict in the Korean Peninsula in three years, which took place last March, and encourage the DPRK to set up an additional mechanism to address the problem of separated families. We also acknowledge the organization of meetings, last March, between Japan and DPRK on the question of the abduction of foreign nationals.

The food situation in the country, including food shortages, is a matter of great concern. In addition, the specific vulnerability of children due to lack of access to basic economic, social and cultural rights, and of women due to discrimination, are issues that require urgent specific legal measures.

In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation prevalent in the UPR, Brazil wishes to recommend that the DPRK:

1. Fully cooperate with all the United Nations human rights mechanisms and special procedures, particularly the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK, and to engage with the OHCHR.
2. Ratify the key international human rights treaties, in particular the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPED), and to comply with its obligations.

Thank you.