



The Republic of Uganda

**On the occasion of the Universal Periodic Review of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
19th Session**

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Mr President,

Uganda welcomes the delegation of DPRK to the 19th session of the UPR and commends them for the presentation of their second UPR report.

The presence of the delegation of DPRK for the review process, the preparation and submission of the UPR report shows the continued efforts made by DPRK to cooperate not only with the Human Rights Mechanism but also with the UN system.

Since the last review, DPRK appears to have made progress in areas such as:

1. Provision of free health services to her citizenship through the establishment of Country Strategy for Health (2011-2015), Strategy for Drug management, and programme for Control of AIDS.
2. Provision of quality and accessible education to all under the National Action Plan.

Mr. President, the promotion and protection of human rights is key objective for all states and it's the obligation of each and every sovereign state. This must be guided by the objective principle of impartiality and no discrimination.

We, therefore recommend that:

1. DPRK continues building social structure of her Country focusing on the promotion and protection of the family as the vital Unit of the society.
2. The International community considers removing the sanctions imposed on DPRK b u encourage her to meaningfully promote and protect human rights in her Country.

Thank you, Mr. President.