**UPR, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, May 2014**

**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark thanks the delegation from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea for participating in this important dialogue made all the more relevant by the recent findings of the Commission of Inquiry.

Denmark noted with grave concern the Commission of Inquiry’s findings of serious human rights violations and crimes against humanity in the DPRK and regrets that the DPRK declined to cooperate with the Commission.

*Denmark therefore* ***recommends*** *that the government of the DPRK takes concrete and immediate steps to improve the human rights situation in the country, inter alia, by engaging with international human rights bodies and mechanisms in a sustained way, including by granting access to the country as well as taking on board recommendations of such bodies and mechanisms for further consideration, dialogue and implementation.*

Denmark notes with serious concern reports of systematic torture and other ill-treatment in detention facilities, including political prison camps also known as *kwanliso.* We also note that a number of UPR recommendations were presented on this matter in the 2009 review, none of which were accepted by the DPRK government.

* *Denmark therefore* ***recommends*** *that the Government of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea accedes to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and takes immediate action to stop the use of torture and other ill-treatment of all detainees.*

Thank you.