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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

My delegation shares concerns expressed by the numerous UN bodies and Member States regarding the situation on the ground.

We believe that OHCHR technical assistance provides an important vehicle to improve human rights situation and therefore regret that such assistance has not been accepted.

Welcoming the agreement between the DPRK and the Republic of Korea to resume reunions of separated families, we are keen to know - what measures the DPRK takes to allow separated families to unite, in particular to communicate?

Ukraine recommends to the DPRK the following:

- to fully cooperate with all UN human rights mechanisms, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in this country and the commission of inquiry;

- to take immediate steps and allocate proper budgetary resources to ensure protection of the rights to food, health, water and sanitation.

Ukraine also strongly encourages the Government of the DPRK to obey the UN Charter and show respect to its principles, in particular those related to the Member States' territorial integrity.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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