

## Statement of Hungary on DPRK, UPR19, 30 April 2014

Mr. President,

Hungary thanks the delegation of the DPRK for the presentation of its national report. My delegation strongly regrets that, contrary to the cooperative spirit of the UPR process, we only this morning received information from the DPRK regarding their position on the 2009 UPR recommendations. This has made it very difficult to assess the country's progress. **We recommend** that the government now act on its 2009 commitment to dialogue and cooperation by timely submitting all Treaty body reports, by accepting outstanding requests by Special Procedures to visit the country and by engaging actively with the OHCHR to ensure compatibility of national legislation with its International Treaty obligations.

The DPRK notes in the national report that death penalty is only applied for heinous and grave acts. Could the delegation elaborate on the specific nature of such acts and on the number of executions that have taken place in the past years? **We recommend** that the DPRK establish an immediate moratorium on the death penalty, as a first step towards its complete abolition and publishes detailed statistics on death sentences and executions, by gender and by crime.

My delegation is also concerned about alleged cases of torture and ill treatment, including forced labor and starvation in prison facilities in the DPRK. **We recommend** that the DPRK allow the ICRC and other international observers, to have immediate, full and genuine access to all detention facilities to ensure compliance with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

Finally, **my delegation recommends** that the DPRK provide all families and nations of origin of all abducted persons, with full information on their fate and whereabouts and allow the abductees and their descendants to return immediately to their countries of origin.

Thank you Mr. President