

**Recommendations made by Iceland to  
the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)  
19<sup>th</sup> session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Thank you Mr. President,**

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the UPR, while condemning in the strongest terms the unparalleled denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the country.

Iceland urgently recommends that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea take immediate measures to end the systematic, widespread and gross human rights violations described in the report of the HRC's commission of inquiry<sup>1</sup> - including violations of the freedoms of thought, expression and religion; multiple forms of discrimination; violations of the freedom of movement and residence; violations of the right to food; arbitrary detention, torture and executions; and abductions and enforced disappearances from other countries. In many instances these violations constitute crimes against humanity.

We further urge the Government to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and allow the Special Rapporteur unrestricted access to the country.

**I thank you.**

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/25/63 (07.02.14).