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**Statement**  
**by the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
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**Mr. President,**

We would like to welcome the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and thank them for the presentation of the National report to the UPR Working Group. We also commend constructive engagement of the DPRK in the UPR process.

We take note with interest the DPRK signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other international human rights instruments are under consideration.

We note in the national report of the Country that Strategy for Health (2011–2015) and some other programmes on health were formulated. In this regard, we recommend the DPRK to take appropriate measures to effectively implement these programmes.

We also recommend DPRK to continue taking concrete measures to further promote and protect human rights, particularly for women and children.

**Mr. President,**

While noting the measures taken particularly in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, we recommend DPRK to intensify its efforts to promote economic development.

Finally, we hope that the international mechanisms, based on mutual respect, domestic requirements and understanding, would facilitate

DPRK efforts to enhance an environment conducive to continued improvement of human rights.

**Thank you,**

