

## UPR of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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Thank you, Mr. /Madam President,

Japan is concerned by the systematic, widespread, and grave violations of human rights, highlighted in the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The same report finds that numerous areas of human rights violations, including those associated with political prison camps and the abduction, could constitute crimes against humanity. Japan **recommends** that the DPRK take measures to put the end to all those human rights violations as recommended in the HRC resolution adopted as the result of the consideration of the report.

With respect to the abductions to which citizens of several countries have fallen victim, Japan **recommends** that the DPRK set a specific timeframe and take concrete action to resolve this issue as soon as possible, including by repatriating the abductees.

Japan also **recommends** that the DPRK abolish its political prison camps, where grave human rights violations are ongoing, and release all political prisoners.

The denial by the DPRK to allow the Special Rapporteur and the COI to enter its territory is a sign of its lack of respect for the activities of the Council. Japan **recommends** that the DPRK cooperate responsibly with the international community.

I thank you.