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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan at the 19th Session of WG of HRC /
UPR of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Kazakhstan wishes to thank the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the National Report presented today.

The report indicates the difficulties faced by the country in ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights as well as provides specific actions taken to address those difficulties.

In this connection we call to abstain from politicization of the process of country's fulfillment of international human rights obligations and assess it on the basis of impartiality.

To this end, our delegation calls on the DPRK to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and adherence to the principle of cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms. In particular, Kazakhstan delegation recommends:

1. To continue developing cooperation with the human rights machinery of the United Nations.
2. To further fulfill the internationally taken obligations as well as joining new human rights international instruments.
3. To take concrete measures to further improve hygiene and sanitation in all parts of the country.

Thank you!