**Universal Periodic Review 19 – DPRK**

**Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands is gravely concerned about the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatments and punishments in the DPRK.

A life in dignity is difficult for citizens that have to serve a state, rather than the other way around. The list of violations of basic human rights standards is long and has been substantiated by the recent report of the Commission of Inquiry as well as other documents presented to the Human Rights Council.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands recommends the government of the DPRK:

1. On labour camps: To acknowledge the existence of human right violations, including those in facilities which it describes as ‘reform through labour camps’, and to provide international humanitarian organisations with immediate access to these facilities and their surviving victims; to dismantle all camps and release all political prisoners; and to clarify with full detail the fate of any disappeared persons who cannot be readily traced;

and

1. On the International Criminal Court: To accede to and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the International Criminal Court and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts, and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.

I thank you, Mr. President.