

UPR DPRK – Norwegian statement 1st May 2014

Mr President,

Welcoming the participation of the DPRK, Norway takes this opportunity to request a clear ^{and timely} response to all today's recommendations.

We **recommend** that the government fully prioritise fulfilling the right to food in their public spending, thus furthering recent improvements in the food situation. We **recommend** that the DPRK secures unlimited access and entirely satisfactory monitoring conditions for humanitarian organisations.

The situation for vulnerable groups remains of particular concern.

We **recommend** that the DPRK enacts and implements legislation to prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings. We also **recommend** to submit the reports due according to the Convention on the Right of the Child

To secure the rights of women, Norway **recommends** the Government to strengthen their efforts to ensure women's representation in influential posts in national and regional government.

Reliable evidence has been presented that the human rights situation in the DPRK is dire. Dismal violations take place, such as lack of freedom of expression, opinion and religion; holding of political prisoners; ^{use} ~~usage~~ of torture and extensive practise of death penalty. Norway urges the DPRK to honour their legal obligations as party to human rights instruments.

Thank you, Mr President