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**19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group**  
**Statement by Pakistan on DPRK**  
**(May 01, 2014)**

Mr President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of DPRK led by Ambassador So Se Pyong to the second cycle of its UPR. We appreciate the consistent cooperation and constructive engagement by the government of DPRK with this important mechanism of Human Rights Council.

We have noted the strengthening of domestic legislation and restructuring of different Ministries including Education by the government of DPRK in the past four years. The promulgation of Ordinance on the Enforcement of Universal 12-year Compulsory Education and enactment of Law on Labour and Laws on the Protection and Promotion of Child Rights and Women Rights are welcome steps by the government. The efforts of DPRK to modernize the healthcare system in the country need to be appreciated as well.

Pakistan also acknowledges the signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities and ratification of the International Convention for the Suppression of the financing of Terrorism in 2013. We hope that CRPD will also be ratified by the Government of DPRK in near future.

We would like to recommend the government of DPRK to:

1. Provide law enforcement officials more information on international human rights instruments;
2. Faithfully implement the national action program for education for all by 2015; and
3. Maintain constructive cooperation with the treaty bodies of the UN human rights instruments to which the DPRK is a State Party.

Thank you Mr President.