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Mr. President,

Slovenia would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of the DPRK to the UPR Working group and their presentation today.

Slovenia remains particularly concerned at a broad range of violations concerning economic, social and cultural rights, which have led to malnutrition, health problems and other hardship for the population of the DPRK, inter alia women, children and the elderly.

We are very concerned by the report and findings of the Commission of Inquiry on human rights situation in the DPRK, which indicate the gravity of the situation. Slovenia supports the report and its recommendations. All recommendations are important, including that of referring the situation to the ICC.

We further remain particularly concerned about information on expansion of existing prisons and labour camps in which number of prisoners is rising.

We would like to recommend to the DPRK:

1. to ensure, protect and fulfill the right to an adequate standard of living, including the rights to adequate food on non-discriminatory basis;
2. to implement the recommendations in the report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on human rights situation in the DPRK;
3. to immediately close down all political prison camps and labour camps and unconditionally release all prisoners of conscience, including relatives that have been held on the basis of "guilt by association";
4. to respond favorably to the request of special procedure's mandate holders to enter the whole country and to fully cooperate with special procedures and other human rights mechanism, in particular the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the DPRK.

Thank you.
