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Mr. President,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) welcomes the delegation of Angola and thanks the delegation for the informative presentation of its National Report.

We commend Angola for its commitment and consistent efforts for the protection and promotion of human rights and its constructive engagement in UPR process.

We take note, with particular appreciation, despite a number of challenges the Government of Angola made tangible progress in combating against extreme poverty and in strengthening the socio-political and judicial system to ensure human rights and fundamental freedoms of the entire people.

Dramatic reduction in extreme poverty rate, signing and ratification of several International instruments on human rights and on-going implementation of state policies to promote gender equality and empower women demonstrate strong commitment of the Government of Angola to improving the human rights situation and achieving sustainable development.

My delegation encourages the Government of Angola to continue with the positive efforts in protecting and promoting human rights.

In this regard, we would like to recommend Angola to continue implementing its national programs and policies to advance women's rights and ensure quality education of children, especially in rural areas.

We wish the Government of Angola all the best in its efforts aimed at rebuilding the country and implementing the National Strategy for Long-Term Development.

Thank you.