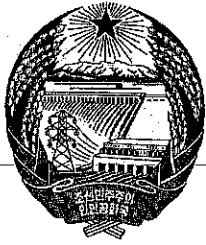


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Mr. President,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) warmly welcomes the delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran and expresses thanks for the comprehensive and informative presentation of its National Report.

We also commend its active role and efforts in the field of international human rights with a view to rejecting the politicization of human rights and encouraging the dialogue and cooperation as well as its constructive engagement in the UPR process.

We take note, with appreciation, that Iran newly adopted a number of laws and regulations and introduced new mechanisms for strengthening socio-political and judicial system to ensure human rights and fundamental freedoms of the entire people.

We note in its National Report special attention was paid for protection and promotion of the rights of the vulnerable group. In this regard, we recommend Iran to continue adequate measures for addressing the special needs of women and protecting children from violence. It is also recommended to make continued efforts to improve social security system for better safeguarding the elderly and persons with disabilities

While noting that despite economic sanctions and unilateral coercive measures commendable achievements were made in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, we recommend Iran to intensify and carry forward its efforts, particularly in the area of right to education.

Finally we hope that international mechanisms, based on mutual respect and understanding, would provide better environment to facilitate Iran's continued efforts for protection and promotion of human rights.

Thank you