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**Statement by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

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**Review of Kazakhstan**

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Mr. President,

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

We commend Kazakhstan for its commitment and consistent efforts as well as a series of policies and legal measures for the protection and promotion of human rights.

We appreciate the achievements made in ensuring tolerant relationships between more than 100 ethnic groups living in Kazakhstan and welcome the announcement of the year 2015 as the year of Kazakhstan's People's Assembly, which expresses its willingness to further strengthen the social harmonization and the unity of the people of Kazakhstan.

We also take note, with special attention, of holding the Congress of the World and Traditional Religions in Astana, which provided a global interreligious dialogue platform with wide international response.

We wish the Government of Kazakhstan all the best in furthering the national plans for the promotion and protection of human rights.

In this regard, we would like to recommend Kazakhstan to continuously carry forward the state policy of ensuring harmonization of interethnic and interreligious relations and share its excellent practices with other countries.

Thank you.

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1st Secretary*