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**Statement by H.E. Ambassador So Se Pyong, the Permanent Representative of
the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during the 2nd cycle of UPR of
the People's Democratic Republic of Laos**

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the introduction of a comprehensive report by the delegation of Lao PDR.

We appreciate the commitments demonstrated by Lao government in the preparation of the 2nd cycle of UPR.

We highlight the successful efforts of the Lao government to ensure political stability and peace as an essential source of enhancement for promotion and protection of human rights. In particular, we take note of a series of measures taken by the Lao government in many areas of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.

As a priority area, education sector receives much attention of the state policy in the context of the human resource development and the efforts are under way in healthcare services to cover almost all villages.

My delegation wishes the Lao government all the best in its future efforts to further the promotion and protection of human rights and recommends the following;

1) to continue the efforts to improve and develop health care infrastructure in remote areas in order to enable people in the rural areas to have access to health care services

2) to continue the implementation of ongoing national policies in order to guarantee for the multi-ethnic people to access to quality education.

Thank you, Mr. President.