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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the DPRK and appreciates its submission of the national report.

We note with appreciation the DPRK’s ratification of the CRPD and the recent cooperation with the CEDAW and the CRC.

In this regard, we **recommend** the DPRK to further protect the rights of persons with disabilities, including its participation in the CRPD review. We also **recommend** the ratification of other international human rights instruments to which it is still not a party, including CAT and ICERD.

Also, we **recommend** that the DPRK cooperate with the UN and the international community to achieve the SDGs, including the implementation of the right to health.

The issue of separated families is an urgent humanitarian and human rights issue. My delegation **recommends** that the DPRK continue to cooperate with the Republic of Korea to fundamentally resolve this issue, including the implementation of the relevant commitments made at the inter-Korean summits.

We also **recommend** that the DPRK address the issues of abductees and prisoners of war. Thank you. /End/