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**Recommendations by Canada’s for the DPRK’s UPR**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada is deeply concerned by the situation of human rights in the DPRK.

Canada recommends that the DPRK:

1. Fully cooperate with the UN Human Rights Council and accept a visit of the *Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK*.
2. Implement its obligations under the human rights instruments to which it is party, and cease the use of arbitrary detention, political prison camps, and collective punishment.
3. Remove from state legislation all provisions punishing free speech, freedom of association and assembly, or freedom of political participation.
4. Cease the censorship of foreign and domestic media and permit the establishment of an independent press.

Greater access for UN mechanisms is vital to investigate human rights violations and to ensure the DPRK’s compliance with its international human rights obligations.