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**Review of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine notes the ratification by the DPRK of the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Sale of Children, signature and ratification of the CRPD and accession to some other important international instruments in the field of human rights.

Yet, we are disappointed by the DPRK’s unwillingness to cooperate with the UN bodies, in particular the Human Rights Council.

Ukraine reiterates its **recommendation** from the previous cycle, supported but not implemented by DPRK, to fully cooperate with the UN human rights mechanisms, including the Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in this country. Another our **recommendation** – to ensure protection of the rights to food, health, water and sanitation – remains as topical as before.

This time we **recommend** to the government to:

- comply with its obligations arising from human rights treaties it ratified;

- take progressive steps to abolish the death penalty;

- take measures to prevent the militarization of children and their recruitment;

- establish a National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

**Thank you.**