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**Review of DPRK**

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Statement by:

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the high-level delegation of Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to this third cycle UPR and takes note of the presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the government’s facilitation of a visit by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities in May 2017.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to the Government of DPRK:

1. Strengthen the engagement with UN human rights treaty bodies, and improve coordination at the national level to ensure implementation of the recommendations.
2. Amend the Act for the Protection of the Rights of the Child to cover all children under the age of 18

We wish DPRK a fruitful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.