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**Recommendations and advance questions to**

**DPRK**

Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the visit of the Special Rapporteur on rights of persons with disabilities to the DPRK. Some improvements for persons with disabilities have been made.

We recommend:

1. Grant access and cooperate with all UN Special Procedures, in particular the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK;
2. Give internationalhumanitarian organizations access to provide assistance to detainees in all penitentiary facilities, including labor training camps (dallyeondae), prisons (gyohwaso) and political prison camps (gwanliso), allow family visits to all detainees, and establish rules regarding the treatment of detainees in accordance with international human rights standards;
3. Take immediate and effective action to stop the use oftorture and ill-treatment, including sexual violence, through proper procedural training, awareness campaigns and enactment of laws, especially for state security and policing organs;
4. End the practice of unpaid or inadequately paid labor (dolkyokdae) and political mobilizations of the population, which in the case of minors hinder the access to quality education and development;
5. End the social classification system “songbun” and related discriminations.

Thank you, Mr. President.