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**Recommendations by Finland to
the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea**

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Mr. President,

Finland thanks the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea for its national report and encourages the DPRK to fully engage with the UN human rights system, including the Commission of the Inquiry of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur and other UN bodies and mechanisms.

Finland wishes to make the following two recommendations:

1. First, Finland recommends the DPRK to further ensure that access to food in the country is free from discrimination and that public distribution of food covers marginalized and most vulnerable groups.
2. Second, Finland recommends the DPRK government to ensure full realization of civil and political rights, including the possibility for all its citizens to communicate freely, directly, safely and regularly with their family members and others, even if they live in other countries, without any interference, other than justified exemptions which are in line with international human rights laws and standards.

Thank you