

Advance Version

Distr.: General
28 August 2019

Original: English

Human Rights Council
Forty-second session
9–27 September 2019
Agenda item 6
Universal periodic review

Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review*

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

* The present document was not edited before being sent to the United Nations translation services.

Position of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the Recommendations made during the 3rd cycle of UPR

1. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) considers the universal periodic review (UPR) mechanism as an important process to review human rights situation of all countries on an equal footing and encourage global efforts for promotion and protection of human rights through dialogue and cooperation.
2. The DPRK delegation participated in the 3rd cycle review in May 2019, in which it gave comprehensive answers or clear explanations as much as possible to the questions and comments made. In this regard, it expresses its appreciation once again to the distinguished representatives of many countries who took stock of the human rights situation of the DPRK in an objective and impartial manner and made constructive and useful recommendations.
3. Of the 262 recommendations made during the review, the DPRK did not accept 63 recommendations outright as they severely distort the human rights situation of the DPRK based on false information fabricated by the hostile forces and seek ulterior political purposes. Further, it stated that it would present its position on the remaining 199 recommendations in due course after examination through appropriate procedure.
4. The DPRK undertook serious examination of the recommendations in broad consultation with relevant national organizations and agencies and states its position on the recommendations as follows.
5. Of the 199 recommendations, the DPRK decided to accept 132 recommendations, many of which are in the process of implementation in conformity with the prevailing reality of the DPRK with concrete follow-up measures to be entailed in the future.
6. The DPRK decided to take note of the 56 recommendations. Although these recommendations cannot be implemented easily in near future, they correspond with the international trend for promotion and protection of human rights. Some of the elements are already implemented by reflecting them in the national laws of the DPRK and full implementation of those recommendations will be considered as the conditions and environment are provided in the future.
7. The DPRK does not accept 11 recommendations, which are related to the national sovereignty of the DPRK to be determined by its independent judgment and decision. They do not conform to the national laws and prevailing reality of the DPRK. Politically motivated and prejudiced views and recommendations are always bound to be rejected with no room for further consideration.
8. The DPRK will, in the future, too, actively participate in the UPR process to encourage dialogue and cooperation for promotion and protection of genuine human rights and continue to fulfill its obligations in good faith before international community.
9. The DPRK position on the outstanding recommendations in line with para 126 of the WG report (A/HRC/42/10) is as follows:

(a) Recommendations that enjoy the support of the DPRK (132):

126.1, 126.2, 126.3, 126.4, 126.5, 126.6, 126.7, 126.8, 126.11, 126.12, 126.13, 126.14, 126.33, 126.34, 126.36, 126.37, 126.38, 126.41, 126.42, 126.43, 126.44, 126.45, 126.46, 126.56, 126.58, 126.59, 126.61, 126.62, 126.63, 126.64, 126.65, 126.66, 126.70, 126.71, 126.72, 126.73, 126.74, 126.75, 126.76, 126.77, 126.78, 126.79, 126.80, 126.81, 126.82, 126.83, 126.84, 126.85, 126.86, 126.87, 126.91, 126.92, 126.93, 126.94, 126.95, 126.96, 126.97, 126.98, 126.99, 126.100, 126.101, 126.102, 126.103, 126.104, 126.105, 126.106, 126.107, 126.108, 126.109, 126.110, 126.111, 126.112, 126.113, 126.114, 126.134, 126.135, 126.136, 126.137, 126.138, 126.139, 126.140, 126.141, 126.142, 126.143, 126.144, 126.146, 126.147, 126.149, 126.150, 126.151, 126.152, 126.153, 126.154, 126.155, 126.156, 126.157, 126.158, 126.159, 126.160, 126.161, 126.162, 126.163, 126.164, 126.165, 126.166, 126.167, 126.168, 126.169, 126.170, 126.171, 126.172, 126.173, 126.174, 126.175, 126.176, 126.177, 126.178, 126.179, 126.180,

126.181, 126.187, 126.188, 126.190, 126.191, 126.192, 126.193, 126.194, 126.195, 126.196, 126.197, 126.198, 126.199.

(b) Recommendations that the DPRK takes note (56):

126.9, 126.10, 126.15, 126.16, 126.17, 126.18, 126.19, 126.20, 126.21, 126.22, 126.23, 126.24, 126.30, 126.31, 126.32, 126.35, 126.39, 126.40, 126.47, 126.48, 126.49, 126.50, 126.51, 126.52, 126.53, 126.54, 126.55, 126.60, 126.67, 126.68, 126.69, 126.88, 126.89, 126.90, 126.115, 126.116, 126.117, 126.118, 126.119, 126.120, 126.121, 126.122, 126.123, 126.124, 126.125, 126.126, 126.127, 126.128, 126.129, 126.130, 126.131, 126.132, 126.133, 126.145, 126.148, 126.189.

(c) Recommendations that do not enjoy the support of the DPRK (11):

126.25, 126.26, 126.27, 126.28, 126.29, 126.57, 126.182, 126.183, 126.184, 126.185, 126.186.
