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Item 6: Consideration of UPR outcome reports

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Mr President,

Amnesty International welcomes DPRK's express commitment, during its presentation in the UPR Working Group, that "[e]very individual citizen is entitled to enjoy human rights and the State is obliged to ensure these rights."

Amnesty International urges the DPRK to support and implement the recommendations on the right to food by facilitating access and effective distribution of international humanitarian aid to people in need, and cooperating constructively with humanitarian agencies.¹ We note with regret that the DPRK has rejected the recommendation to end discrimination in the distribution of food by the government.²

Mr President,

During the interactive dialogue the DPRK delegation referred to visits by Amnesty International to reform and detention facilities.³ However, we regret that Amnesty International has not had access to the DPRK since our last visit in 1995. We take this opportunity to request that the government invite Amnesty International and other human rights and humanitarian organizations to visit the DPRK with a view examining the human rights situation first hand.

Apart from visits in 1995 by the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and in 2004 by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, no UN human rights mechanisms have been invited to visit the DPRK. We note that many states encouraged the DPRK

¹ A/HRC/13/13, paragraph 90, recommendations 89-94
² A/HRC/13/13, paragraph 91, recommendation 96, 97,13
³ A/HRC/13/13, Paragraph 85

to cooperate with the Special Procedures of this Council and we are concerned that the government has already rejected some of these recommendations.⁴ We urge the government to support and implement those recommendations it agreed to consider, and to re-consider the recommendations it rejected, with a view to supporting them in due course.

Finally, Amnesty International strongly urges the government to re-consider its rejection of recommendations by several states to establish a moratorium on executions, to abolish the death penalty, and to end the practice of public and extrajudicial executions.⁵

Thank you Mr President

⁴ A/HRC/13/13, paragraph 90, recommendations 42-55 and paragraph 91, recommendations 4-12, 49.

⁵ A/HRC/13/13, paragraph 91, recommendations 14-22 and 26.