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Addendum

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

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1. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) believes the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) to be an important mechanism reviewing human rights situations of all countries equally and facilitating international efforts for promotion and protection of human rights in the spirit of constructive dialogue and cooperation.
2. The DPRK delegation participated in the 4th cycle review in November 2024 and made every effort to provide comprehensive and clear answers or explanations with regard to the questions and comments raised in the course of the review. The DPRK takes this opportunity to appreciate once again the distinguished representatives of a large number of countries for their objective and impartial review of the human rights situation in the DPRK as well as their constructive and useful recommendations.
3. Regarding 294 recommendations made during the review, the DPRK rejected 88 recommendations on the spot as they severely distorted the human rights situation of the DPRK based on false information fabricated by the hostile forces and sought ulterior political purposes. Further, the DPRK stated that it would provide its position on the remaining 206 recommendations in due course after examination through appropriate procedure.
4. The DPRK held a series of broad consultations of relevant national organs and agencies to examine the recommendations.
5. As a result, out of 206 recommendations, the DPRK decided to accept 143 recommendations. Many of those recommendations have already been implemented both legally and practically or are in the process of being implemented with concrete measures to follow in the future.
6. The DPRK decided to partially accept 7 recommendations. Although they contain some unacceptable elements such as singling out the CAT for ratification, it decided to accept other elements contained therein, with a view to respecting the perspectives of those countries that made the recommendations and in the hope that deepening the understanding of the DPRK would help remove the prejudiced misunderstanding in the future.
7. The DPRK decided to reject 56 recommendations. They are related to 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 and are based on prejudiced views from political motivation.
8. The DPRK will continue to actively participate in the UPR process with an aim of encouraging genuine dialogue and cooperation and to faithfully fulfill its international obligations in the area of human rights.
9. The DPRK position on the recommendations made during the review is as follows:
 - (a) Recommendations that have been accepted by the DPRK (143):

130.3, 130.6, 130.21, 130.22, 130.24, 130.26, 130.27, 130.28, 130.30, 130.34, 130.35, 130.36, 130.37, 130.39, 130.40, 130.41, 130.42, 130.44, 130.45, 130.46, 130.47, 130.48, 130.49, 130.50, 130.51, 130.53, 130.65, 130.66, 130.68, 130.69, 130.71, 130.72, 130.74, 130.76, 130.77, 130.80, 130.81, 130.82, 130.83, 130.84, 130.85, 130.88, 130.89, 130.91, 130.92, 130.93, 130.94, 130.95, 130.96, 130.97, 130.98, 130.99, 130.100, 130.101, 130.102, 130.103, 130.104, 130.105, 130.106, 130.107, 130.108, 130.109, 130.110, 130.111, 130.112, 130.113, 130.115, 130.116, 130.117, 130.118, 130.119, 130.120, 130.121, 130.122, 130.123, 130.124, 130.125, 130.126, 130.127, 130.128, 130.129, 130.130, 130.131, 130.132, 130.133, 130.134, 130.135, 130.136, 130.137, 130.138, 130.139, 130.140, 130.141, 130.142, 130.144, 130.145, 130.146, 130.147, 130.149, 130.150, 130.151, 130.152, 130.153, 130.156, 130.158, 130.159, 130.160, 130.161, 130.162, 130.163, 130.164, 130.165, 130.166, 130.167, 130.175, 130.178, 130.179, 130.180, 130.181, 130.183, 130.184, 130.185, 130.186, 130.187, 130.188, 130.189, 130.190, 130.191, 130.192, 130.193, 130.194, 130.195, 130.196, 130.197, 130.198, 130.199, 130.200, 130.201, 130.202, 130.203, 130.204, 130.205, 130.206.
 - (b) Recommendations that have been partially accepted by the DPRK (7):

130.2, 130.4, 130.5, 130.7, 130.29, 130.43, 130.143.

- 130.2 Ratify core international human rights treaties and optional protocols to which the DPRK is not yet a party, in particular the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Supported: Ratify core international human rights treaties and optional protocols to which the DPRK is not yet a party.

Noted: in particular the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

- 130.4 Sign and ratify core international human rights treaties, such as the Convention against Torture.

Supported: Sign and ratify core international human rights treaties.

Noted: such as the Convention against Torture.

- 130.5 Ratify and implement all the core international human rights treaties, including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Supported: Ratify and implement all the core international human rights treaties to further enhance its human rights commitments

Noted: including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

- 130.7 Start the process of acceding to the remaining core international human rights conventions that it has not ratified, including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Supported: Start the process of acceding to the remaining core international human rights conventions that it has not ratified.

Noted: including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

- 130.29 Cooperate with the Human Rights Council and all its mechanisms.

Supported: Cooperate with the Human Rights Council.

Noted: and all its mechanism.

The DPRK does not recognize politically motivated mechanisms including in particular the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK.

- 130.43 Increase collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to develop a programme of capacity-building and technical assistance activities that contributes to the implementation of recommendations made by all human rights mechanisms.

Supported: Increase collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Noted: to develop a programme of capacity-building and technical assistance activities that contributes to the implementation of recommendations made by all human rights mechanisms.

- 130.143 Enhance access to free and quality basic education, as well as address malnutrition, particularly among marginalised groups such as women, children and persons with disabilities.

Supported: Enhance access to free and quality basic education.

Noted: as well as address malnutrition, particularly among marginalised groups such as women, children and persons with disabilities.

(c) Recommendations that have been rejected by the DPRK (56):

130.1, 130.8, 130.9, 130.10, 130.11, 130.12, 130.13, 130.14, 130.15, 130.16, 130.17, 130.18, 130.19, 130.20, 130.23, 130.25, 130.31, 130.32, 130.33, 130.38, 130.52, 130.54, 130.55, 130.56, 130.57, 130.58, 130.59, 130.60, 130.61, 130.62, 130.63, 130.64, 130.67, 130.70, 130.73, 130.75, 130.78, 130.79, 130.86, 130.87, 130.90, 130.114, 130.148, 130.154, 130.155, 130.157, 130.168, 130.169, 130.170, 130.171, 130.172, 130.173, 130.174, 130.176, 130.177, 130.182.
