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Thank you, Mr. President.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her report.

Liechtenstein is appalled by the continuously dire human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The almost total isolation of the country as well as the government's failure to allocate resources towards realizing the economic, social and cultural rights of its people remain to be the main culprits of the awful conditions in the DPRK.

The stricter border controls and tightening of information flows to and from the country have remained a serious concern. Liechtenstein urges the government of the DPRK to recognize the fundamental right to leave and enter the country and immediately halt executions of repatriated citizens.

We condemn the numerous crimes committed by the authorities, including extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance, forced labor, some of which may amount to crimes against humanity.

Madame Special Rapporteur,

We have consistently called for increased attention to the situation in the DPRK and for the Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court. What avenues are at our disposal to ensure accountability for these numerous crimes?

I thank you, Mr. President.