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STATEMENT

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**DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COUNCIL**

My delegation denounces and resolutely rejects continued submission of the report to the Human Rights Council by the "Special Rapporteur" on the DPRK, who is the product of the most undisguised and extreme politicization, selectivity and double standards prevalent in the Commission on Human Rights. There is no truth in the report. The report is indeed full of extremely slanderous information fabricated by those hostile to the DPRK, with the aim of eliminating the DPRK's social system.

This "Special Rapporteur" serves only as a tool representing these hostile forces in their pursuit of political objective to overthrow our state and social system under the pretext of human rights. Likewise, his report is no more than an unsubstantiated document having no relevance with human rights. Now that the Council has been established, the mandate of this "Special Rapporteur", which is an anachronistic legacy of the Commission, should also be terminated accordingly.

Western countries' persistent attempts aimed at continuing this mandate in breach of established rules and regulations are explicitly referred to in the document which was distributed as an official document of the current Session of the Council (A/HRC/7/G/3) and in a series of our letters addressed to the President of the Council and the High Commissioner. As well known, western countries have already blocked bilateral dialogue and cooperation with DPRK by unilaterally tabling and enforcing "resolutions" in the Commission. In addition, they continue to pursue their purpose to single out DPRK as a target for naming and shaming in the Council.

The people in the DPRK regard sovereignty as a lifeline and value more than anything else the socialist system of their own choice. We have been maintaining the respect for and observance of the international human rights instruments including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We also seek genuine cooperation in the area of human rights. However, we will never tolerate attempts of any kind to turn the international human rights mechanisms into a courtyard dominated by politicization, selectivity and double standards pursued by the Western countries including the United States against DPRK. We shall resolutely rise against these attempts by all means.

Western countries including the United States must be held responsible for all the consequences arising thereon. Thank you.