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**STATEMENT
BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AT THE 4th SPECIAL SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

Mr. President,

My delegation has been closely following the situation taking place in Darfur in the context of conflict for nearly 4 years.

This conflict constitutes a challenge to the Sudan and African countries in their endeavor to put an end to the long-drawn internal fighting and a major source of problems vis-à-vis the situation in Darfur.

My delegation is of the view that, in order to find a solution to the Darfur situation, priority should be given to the removal of this conflict.

Peaceful means such as dialogue and cooperation must prevail over coercive and arbitrary measures including sanctions and military confrontation in resolving conflicts.

The Darfur Peace Agreement was signed in Abuja, Nigeria in May this year after a protracted process of negotiations. This Agreement, along with Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement enjoys broad support of a number of countries as an important step forward in the right direction.

My delegation appreciates the efforts made by the Government and the people of the Sudan to restore peace and stabilize situation in Darfur in spite of difficult conditions and environments.

My delegation also believes that objectivity and impartiality should be strictly observed in resolving situation in Darfur.

It is deplorable that the situation in Darfur has been negatively exaggerated or distorted and the attempts by certain ill-minded forces to implant antagonism, distrust and confrontation among the parties to the conflict continue unabated.

This will lead to extreme tension rather than improving the situation there.

What is most important is for the international community to respect and encourage the principle that African countries are the real masters in resolving their own problems

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea(DPRK) has supported just proposals and initiatives of the African countries, aimed at fair solution to all problems facing the region including the problem of Darfur.

This position of the DPRK will remain invariable.

In conclusion, Mr. President, my delegation hopes that this special session will provide an opportunity to contribute to promoting stability in the Sudan as well as Africa and the rest of the world and will do its utmost to that end.

Thank you.