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**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Y.J. CHOI**  
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**Third Committee of the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the General Assembly**

**EOV on the Resolution on the Human Rights Situation in the DPRK**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. The Government of the Republic of Korea (ROK) shares the concerns of the international community regarding the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). At the same time, we place priority on taking active and practical steps to achieve real improvements in human rights there.
2. My Government has voted in favour of today's proposed resolution, taking this opportunity to promote human rights dialogue and cooperation between the international community and the DPRK, for which there is an even greater need following Pyongyang's recent nuclear test.
3. It is our hope that this resolution will serve as an initial step in seeking constructive ways to address human rights issues. As part of these efforts, we hope that the DPRK will agree to a visit by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights.
4. Furthermore, we call upon the international community to seek human rights dialogue with the DPRK and to provide a cooperative system for technical assistance with a view to achieving real progress in its human rights conditions.
5. We will continue our efforts to bring about substantial improvements in human rights in the DPRK, in particular the right to food, while maintaining our current policy of inter-Korean reconciliation and cooperation with the DPRK. We sincerely hope that our support for this resolution will promote human rights in the DPRK and encourage meaningful dialogue between the international community and the DPRK.

Thank you.