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UPR Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Südwind welcomes that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has accepted many recommendations in the 2nd Cycle of UPR, unlike the first cycle that the state didn't accept any of the recommendations. However we believe that among the recommendations that did not enjoy the support of the state concerned, some are of crucial importance.

Südwind would like to emphasize on the right to peace as an inherent right of human beings. The importance of peace also enshrines in the preamble of Universal declaration of human rights and human right council at the current session works on the draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace. We would like to take this opportunity to express our concern that only two countries including Democratic People's Republic of Korea have not ratified the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Therefore, Südwind would like to recommend the immediate accession of state to the treaty.

Südwind believes that the full enjoyment of every one's human rights is linked with respect for all 4 pillars of democracy. Democracy, based on accepted norms of international community, requires respect for the right of people to choose their representatives freely. We are deeply concerned that only two countries including DPRK in their constitution provided for the position of leadership with unlimited authority. Südwind recommends Democratic People's Republic of Korea to incorporate its undertakings under ICCPR, namely article 25, in to its constitution.