

**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF  
KOREA (SECOND BATCH)**

**SLOVENIA**

- The DPRK is party to the ICCPR. We would be interested to learn more on freedom of religion in the DPRK and how freedom of religion is guaranteed.
- Were there any discussions/considerations to introduce anti-discrimination legislation to strengthen and protect the rights of the DPRK citizens, in particular with regard to the songbun system of social classification?
- We would like to enquire about the measures that were adopted to reduce the chronic food insecurity, under-nutrition and other health problems of the population in the DPRK, in particularly children.

**GERMANY**

- Since the last UPR, in how many cases and for which crimes were defendants sentenced to death? How many of the sentences were executed?
- How does the DPRK plan to cooperate with the UN Special Procedures and in particular the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK?
- What steps are taken to ensure the rights of detainees, and to prevent torture and ill-treatment including sexual violence?
- Which measures have been taken to ensure that humanitarian aid is distributed to the general population without discrimination and monitored independently according to international standards?
- Which steps are taken by the DPRK to end forced labor and mobilizations, especially of minors, and to provide all children with access to quality education?
- How does the DPRK intend to improve the situation of homeless children, so-called “*Kkotjebi*”, and if possible to reunite them with their families?

**BELGIUM**

- Does the government of the DPRK consider ratifying the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Rome Statute of the ICC?

- Is the government of the DPRK considering issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures and responding positively to the outstanding requests of special rapporteurs to visit the country?
- What measures have been taken by the DPRK since the previous UPR to promote and protect the rights of women? Which legislation has been adopted? Which mechanisms have been put in place to ensure the effective implementation of legislation, including addressing violations?
- How many individuals are currently on death row? How many individuals have been sentenced to death and/or executed since the last UPR and for which crimes? How many of those on death row have children and how many children are affected in this way?
- Will the government of the DPRK amend the Act for the Protection of the Rights of the Child to cover all children under the age of 18, as urged by the Committee on the Rights of the Child?

#### **AUSTRALIA**

- What steps has the DPRK taken to ensure its criminal justice system meets its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other international human rights instruments?
- Australia requests that the DPRK provide detailed information on its use of the death penalty, including: annual statistics on death sentences, executions, commutations, pardons and exonerations; data on the number of persons under sentence of death; and confirmation as to whether public executions have been ended in practice or law.
- While we thank the DPRK for its national report submitted in advance of its third cycle Universal Periodic Review, it does not make clear what steps the DPRK has taken to implement the 113 recommendations it accepted following the second Universal Periodic Review. What steps has the DPRK taken to implement these recommendations?