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**STATEMENT
BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
UNDER REVIEW OF MANDATES AND MECHANISMS**

Mr. President,

The Council is entrusted with a prime task of reviewing, improving and rationalizing all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities of the CHR pursuant to OP 6 of GA resolution 60/251.

We share the widely held view that there is a need to establish an Open-Ended inter-sessional Working Group to conduct transparent and inclusive consultations.

Furthermore, we believe that this Working Group should enjoy the same status, weight and resources as other Working Group on UPR mechanism.

We are of the view that all mandates should be extended until such time as the review has been completed in conformity with the purpose of the Working Group.

Mr. President,

It is all the more important and urgent for the Council in its ground-laying stage to eliminate politicization, double standards and selectivity.

It is therefore expected of the Working Group to design and pursue its work of reviewing all mandates, with main focus on non-politicization.

Well-defined objective is a prerequisite for accurate measures as well as satisfactory outcome.

The fundamental issue in eliminating the root-causes of politicization of the special procedures at present is to properly address its past.

Today, the area which is densely pervaded with politicization is the special procedure in general and country-specific mechanism in particular.

As for all the politicized country-specific mechanisms and resolutions, they have unexceptionally been enforced unilaterally in complete ignorance of will of the concerned on the basis of political motives.

These mechanisms and resolutions represent the breach of sovereign rights which is the highest manifestation of human right violations as well as hostility.

They lack minimum level of "credibility" and "legitimacy" to say nothing of objectivity and impartiality which constitute a lifeline in the activities of all UN human rights mechanisms.

They remain only as an obstacle to the genuine promotion and protection of human rights.

It is no exaggeration to say that the cessation of CHR is largely attributable to these mechanisms and resolutions.

These politicization, if not properly rectified now, will result in further serious problems and ultimately lead to the Council reverting back to the era of political confrontation of the CHR.

In order to ensure that the Council avoid repetition of politicization, double standards and selectivity, it would be important that the Working Group should give priority to the review of politicized country-specific mandates and direct due attention to its elimination. Thank you.