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Presidency

Thank you, Mr. President.

The EU would like to express its appreciation of your report and thank you for your strong efforts in fulfilling this important mandate. We would like to reiterate our strong belief in the necessity of full cooperation between States and the Special Procedures assumed by the Human Rights Council. The EU notes with great regret that the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is not cooperating with you to a satisfactory extent. Therefore the EU calls upon the DPRK to fully and unconditionally cooperate with the Special Rapporteur.

1. As you have mentioned in your report, the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has stated that he has taken note of the High Commissioner's willingness to offer technical assistance. **What could, in your opinion, be done to follow up on this? Is there any sign that DPRK will allow easier access for international food supply?**
 2. **Are there any indications that the government of DPRK could be considering a change in course in cooperating with the Special Rapporteur and on human rights in general?**
 3. China is a country that has had close contact with the DPRK for many years and can be considered to have great influence on the government of North Korea. **Are you in contact with Chinese authorities in this regard? Have you asked to visit the Chinese border region to get a picture of the situation there?**
 4. In your report you mention numerous incidents where the government of the Democratic People's Republic has responded to your communications but rejected their content. **Do you think your communications have nevertheless had any impact?**
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