



**Statement by the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
during General Debate on item 4  
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Mr. President,

Today human rights violations in all their manifestations and forms occurring in different countries and regions of the world present serious threat to the survival of humankind and international peace and security.

The United States and the western countries, have been waging wars in several countries and regions, under the pretext of "war against terror", resulting in loss of lives of many innocent people.

In the US, the human rights violations in all their manifestations and forms, such as racial discrimination, police abuse, inequality, rape and violent crimes, which are committed under the "statue of liberty", are the phenomena that we witness on a daily basis. As was revealed recently by "Snowden case", the US has been not only violating its own citizens' privacy but also violating human rights and even sovereignty of other nations including its allies.

We are seriously concerned at that, in the European Union and other western countries, in particular, such various human rights violations, as racism, xenophobia, discrimination and maltreatment against immigrants and minorities such as Roma, as well as incitement of hatred are taking place one after another.

We urge Japan to face with its crime-woven past history straightly, accept its state and legal responsibility, and sincerely apologize for the victims of its past crimes against humanity, instead of trying to cover it up.

We once again urge south Korea to abolish "National Security Law", the main obstacle to the reunification of the country and realization of human rights of its population, and take measures to drive out the foreign power from its territory since the military presence of foreign power in south Korea is the root cause of all human rights violations of south Korean people.

In conclusion, my delegation considers that the Human Rights Council should take effective measures, to put an end to the systematic and grave human rights violations in the above-mentioned countries, in keeping with its mission for promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.

Thank you, Mr. President.