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**Statement by the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
during the Interactive Dialogue with the COI on Syria
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Mr. President,

My delegation is concerned that the situation of Syria is aggravated by the terrorist acts of the rebels who get military, financial and other assistance and instigation from the outside forces.

The DPRK is of the view that human rights issues or disputes must be resolved through genuine dialogue and constructive cooperation, free from unilateral coercive, confrontational and selective condemnation based on political motives.

Any attempts to interfere in the internal affairs and impose unacceptable pressure under the pretext of human rights should not be justified as these are in flagrant breach of the purposes of the UN Charter and relevant norms of international law and the principle of respect for sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the member states.

The DPRK believes that the Syrian government and people would resolve their domestic issue in their interests without any outside intervention.

In conclusion, Mr. President, my delegation reiterates its position that politicization, selectivity and double standards in the field of human rights should be put an immediate end.

Thank you, Mr. President.