

# **The Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

## **Current Situation and Initiatives by the International Community**



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**“Systematic, widespread and gross human rights violations have been and are being committed by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, its institutions and officials. In many instances, the violations of human rights found by the commission constitute crimes against humanity...The gravity, scale, and nature of these violations reveal a state that does not have any parallel in the contemporary world.”**

(Report of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea(A/HRC/25/63))