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**HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE
THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION**

**Albania*, Austria*, Belgium*, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria*, Canada, Croatia*,
Cyprus*, Czech Republic*, Denmark*, Estonia*, Finland*, France, Germany, Greece*,
Hungary*, Israel*, Italy, Japan, Latvia*, Liechtenstein*, Luxembourg*, Malta*, Monaco*,
Netherlands, New Zealand*, Norway*, Poland*, Portugal*, Republic of Moldova*,
Romania, Slovakia*, Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union),
Spain*, Sweden*, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*,
Turkey*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and United States of America: draft resolution**

7/... Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which 60th anniversary we celebrate this year, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other human rights instruments,

* Non-member States of the Human Rights Council.

Recalling all previous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2004/13 and 2005/11 and the General Assembly resolution 62/167 and urging the implementation of these resolutions,

Bearing in mind paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling the resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of the Human Rights Council of 18 June 2007,

Bearing in mind reports on Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, presented by the Special Rapporteur, including the reports A/62/264 of 15.08.2007 and A/HRC/7/20 of 15 February 2008 and *urging* the implementation of the recommendations therein,

Having reviewed the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

Deeply concerned of continuing reports of systematic, widespread and grave violations of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and of unresolved questions of international concern relating to the abduction of foreigners, urging the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to respect fully all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Profoundly deploring the grave human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

Deeply regretting the refusal of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to recognise the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur or to extend full cooperation to him,

Alarmed by the precarious humanitarian situation in the country,

Reaffirming that it is the responsibility of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of its entire population,

1. *Commends* the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the activities undertaken so far and his continued efforts in the conduct of the mandate despite limited access to information;
2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2004/13 and 2005/11, for a period of one year;
3. *Urges* the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur and to respond favorably to his requests to visit the country and to provide him with all necessary information so as to enable him to fulfill his mandate;
4. *Also urges* the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to ensure safe and unhindered access of humanitarian assistance that is delivered impartially on the basis of need, in accordance with humanitarian principles;
5. *Encourages* the United Nations, including its specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, mandate holders, interested institutions and independent experts, and non-governmental organizations to develop regular dialogue and cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur in the fulfillment of his mandate;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the UN Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance and adequate staffing to carry out his mandate effectively and to ensure that the mechanism works with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

7. *Invites* the UN Special Rapporteur to submit regularly reports on the implementation of his mandate to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly.
