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Thank you, Mister President,

We would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of the report, particularly emphasizing accountability within the context of the 10th anniversary of the report released by the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Liechtenstein is alarmed at the findings of the Special Rapporteur. Despite working within limited parameters due to a lack of cooperation, transparency and access to information, her report underscores ongoing systemic human rights abuses, including crimes against humanity. Moreover, it displays a concerning lack of willingness within the DPRK to address the human rights situation, to take responsibility for the past and achieve accountability.

Liechtenstein calls for the easing of restrictions on fundamental rights within the DPRK. We also support the call for accountability within the DPRK encompassing individual prosecutions, reparations, truth-seeking, and institutional reform, within the present and historical context.

Special Rapporteur, how can the international community utilize the 10-year anniversary of the landmark COI report in order to advance accountability for the human rights violations in the DPRK?

I thank you.