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**Interactive Dialogue with  
the Special Rapporteur on DPRK  
13 March 2017**

Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Mr. President,

Liechtenstein is appalled by the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the lack of response of the international community. Urgent meaningful action is needed to ensure accountability with a view to improving the situation for the people in the DPRK and the conditions of DPRK workers abroad. We welcome the recently published report of the group of independent experts on accountability recommending that the Security Council should refer the situation in DPRK to the International Criminal Court (ICC). This is precisely the type of situation for which the ICC was created. Considering the sheer number of crimes and perpetrators, the prosecution of high-level perpetrators at the ICC will not be sufficient and must be complemented by other criminal accountability processes. We call on the Security Council to take up these recommendations and to act accordingly. 112 States signing on to the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes expect the Council to take timely and decisive action in such cases.

Mr. President

The group of independent experts on accountability also states in its report that they did not undertake any fact-finding on allegations of forced labor of citizens of DPRK working abroad. However, past reports of the Special Rapporteur raised the issue of trafficking in person, sexual exploitation as well as the situation of workers abroad. For instance, the previous special rapporteur stated (A/70/362) that “nationals of the DPRK being sent abroad by their government to work under conditions that reportedly amount to forced labor”.

Questions:

1 - How do you plan to work with the Security Council to ensure that the recommendations of the panel of the group of independent experts on accountability are being implemented?

2 - How have you engaged with countries where DPRK workers are allegedly working under conditions of forced labor, which might amount to cases of modern slavery?

I thank you!