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Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt,

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Mr. President, Special Rapporteur Darusman

Liechtenstein attaches great value to your work on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. We particularly agree with your call on the international community to make use of the momentum created by the commission of inquiry to make a difference in the lives of the people of DPRK. We also agree with your call for accountability for those responsible for serious violations of human rights, including crimes against humanity. The need for accountability was also very clear from the Security Council's first meeting to discuss the situation in DPRK last December.

I would therefore like to reiterate Liechtenstein's call on the Security Council to refer this situation to the ICC.

Even if a Security Council referral would not materialize in the near future, accountability must remain high on the agenda of all stakeholders. What would be your suggestions as to how this can be achieved? How can we ensure that the situation in the DPRK does not once again fall of the international radar?

Thank you very much.