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Mr. President.

We thank the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for his comprehensive presentation and assure him our support.

Mr. President,

Given the gravity and scale of human rights violations we fully recognize the continued relevance of this mandate. We also support the Accountability Project by the Office of the High Commissioner to document atrocity crimes with a view to developing possible strategies to be used in any future accountability process. We concur with the High Commissioner that the situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea should be referred to the International Criminal Court. Yet again, we call on the Security Council to act accordingly. 115 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 immediate and decisive action in such cases. The Special Rapporteur describes accountability for human rights violations as a complex and continuing project. In this regard, we would like to know from the Special Rap-

porteur which areas of accountability for atrocity crimes should be prioritized in order to ensure justice for victims?

I thank you!