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Canada
Question to Special Rapporteur on the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

Question 1

- Canada wishes to thank the Special Rapporteur for his report ~~on the situation of human rights in the DPRK~~ and express our support for his mandate and recommendations. ^{that recognizes the challenges he faced in preparing his report.} We are concerned that he has not yet been authorized to visit the DPRK. We urge North Korean authorities to allow Dr. Muntarbhorn and all other relevant Special Rapporteurs, including the Special Rapporteur on Torture, free and unlimited access to the country's population.
- Canada is deeply concerned by reports of internment, torture, and execution of North Koreans who have been repatriated from abroad. What specific steps can the international community take to ensure the safety and security of North Korean refugees?

Question 2 (if timing permits)

- ^{Canada also notes that the report raises concern regarding W's rights. The issue of violations of} ~~Canada recognizes the challenges faced by the Special Rapporteur in preparing his report, given lack of access. We note that the report mentions concerns regarding women's rights but does not enter into detail on this issue. The issue of violations of~~ the human rights of women, in particular trafficking of women for prostitution or forced marriage and ethnically motivated forced abortions, continue to be of great concern to Canada.

Has the SR received any detailed information regarding violations of women's rights?
Has the SR noted particular trends towards certain types of violations? Canada notes the invitation to the SR on VAW to visit the DPRK. What does the SR on DPRK believe can be done to encourage this thematic visit to occur?