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**QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD**

**Letter dated 28 February 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at
Geneva addressed to the High Commissioner for Human Rights**

I present my compliments to you and have the honour to state the position of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) regarding the technical cooperation for DPRK in the area of human rights, as contained in document E/CN.4/2005/32.

The technical cooperation as mentioned above has been referred to in Commission resolution 2004/13.

The DPRK has already repeatedly stated its resolute rejection of the resolution and still remains invariable in its position.

The resolution, as initiated by the European Union, is based on political motivations, taking sides with the United States policy of hostility against the DPRK and, therefore, has nothing to do with genuine promotion and protection of human rights.

The resolution is also in pursuit of confrontation and double standards in flagrant violation of internationally recognized principles including universal, non-selective and objective handling of human rights issues through dialogue and cooperation.

Consequently, the resolution in its entirety represents one of the major factors contributing to the serious undermining of the credibility of the Commission on Human Rights in whose activities the principle of non-politicization, objectivity and impartiality should be thoroughly observed.

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The DPRK rejects and does not even recognize the resolution itself since it runs counter to the genuine promotion and protection of human rights in actual fact.

As for the technical cooperation for DPRK in the area of human rights, the DPRK attaches importance to such cooperation and is always prepared to make every effort for its realization.

However, under current circumstances in which the technical cooperation is being abused as a means of pressure to enforce the implementation of the resolution, the DPRK has been left with no option but to disagree to it.

The initiators of the resolution have driven DPRK into such circumstances.

For this reason, the technical cooperation for DPRK in the area of human rights would be inconceivable unless [this] fundamental obstacle to its realization is removed once and for all.

In the absence of any resolution against DPRK, the technical cooperation in the area of human rights would be realized spontaneously.

Reiterating the DPRK's rejection of the resolution, I wish to reaffirm our commitment to the noble work of putting an end to the politicization of human rights and realizing genuine technical cooperation in the area of human rights in an environment free from confrontation and coerciveness.

Finally, I would appreciate it very much if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights under item 9.

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