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

**Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. This note has been prepared further to paragraph 9 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/11, in which the Commission requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue her efforts to engage in a comprehensive dialogue with the authorities of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with a view to establishing technical cooperation programmes in the field of human rights and to submit her findings and recommendations to the Commission at its sixty-second session.
2. In line with standard policy and practice developed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955, which established the United Nations programme of advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights, various forms of assistance in the area of human rights are at the disposal of Member States upon their request. In accordance with the mandate established by the General Assembly in resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has provided advisory services and technical cooperation to more than 50 countries since its inception.
3. It will be recalled that with a view to exploring ways of initiating technical cooperation between OHCHR and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the High Commissioner, by letter dated 20 September 2005, invited the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva to a meeting. Upon receipt of the acceptance of the invitation by the Permanent Representative, a meeting was scheduled on 28 November 2005.

4. During the meeting, the High Commissioner raised the possibility of exploring ways of engaging in technical cooperation activities, and made several proposals for technical cooperation activities, such as activities in the area of human rights treaty implementation.

5. The Permanent Representative stated that his Government did not recognize the resolution adopted by the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and was therefore unable to accept the High Commissioner's offer. The Permanent Representative nonetheless stated that he had taken note of the High Commissioner's willingness to offer technical assistance. No further response has been received from the Government on this matter.

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