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Oral Statement

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Interactive Dialogue with Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights
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Thank you, Mr. President.

Speaking as a North Korean defector, I express my deepest gratitude to the Commission for its hard work and dedication.

As the UN report states, the 'systematic, widespread, and grave' violations of human rights by the North Korean government itself is the central issue at hand. It is used to maintain the regime's hold on power, with absolutely no regard for the lives of North Koreans.

Public executions have increased since Kim Jong-un came to power in 2011 and I believe the DPRK government is guilty of hypocrisy as the death penalty is used for activities in which the leaders themselves partake.

Citizens of the DPRK are constantly fighting for survival and due to state policies hunger and malnutrition are still widespread.

The DPRK government has denounced the UN report as fabrication. If they truly believe this, I cannot then understand why they rejected the commission's request to investigate further.

In North Korea we say, 'The sky cannot be covered with the palm of a hand.' I believe the magnitude of North Korean human rights violations can no longer be hidden from view.

I love my home country and miss the beloved people I lived with. I appeal to the international community to act on the issue of improving North Korean human rights.

Thank you.