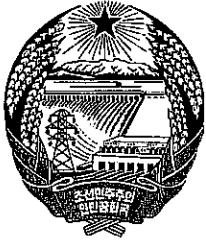


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**STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. SO SE PYONG, AMBASSADOR AND
PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DPRK ON UPR FOR
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
(07 October 2011)**

Mme. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E. Dr. Faisal Mekad, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic and the introduction of a comprehensive and informative national report.

The preparation of the national report involving all relevant stakeholders of the government and non-governmental organizations testifies to the sincere and constructive approach of the government of Syria towards the UPR process.

We commend Syria on her efforts taken to maintain the security and stability in the past six months including lifting of the state of emergency, abolition of the Supreme State Security Court and issuance of the laws regulating the establishment of political parties, parliamentary elections and elections of local governing bodies.

It is important to reassure the full respect of sovereignty territorial integrity and independence of any member state of the United Nations. Therefore, any development process in Syria would only be an outcome of Syrian-led policies without any foreign intervention.

We wish the government of Syria all the best in furtherance of her positive efforts for human rights protection and in this respect recommend the following:

1. to continue with policies and programs to improve the quality of the basic social services provided to citizens such as health care and education
2. to continue her efforts to halt the brain drain to foreign countries.

Thank you, Mme. President.