

STATEMENT BY THE DPRK DELEGATION DURING THE  
INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE  
SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MYANMAR  
(12 March 2012)

My delegation commends the government of Myanmar for its strenuous efforts to promote human rights.

The country-specific resolutions and mandates initiated and pursued by the western countries are aimed to infringe upon the sovereignty and interfere in the internal affairs of the developing countries that are not obedient to them.

It is an anachronistic act to maintain the country-specific resolutions and mandates despite the full operation of the UPR mechanism, which treats all countries equally and impartially.

Any attempt to interfere in the internal affairs and to impose unacceptable pressure under the pretext of human rights cannot be justified as these are in flagrant breach of the purposes of the UN Charter and relevant norms of international law and the principle of respect for sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the member states.

We are of the view that human rights should not be misused as a tool for denouncing the legitimate government of a sovereign state.

My delegation looks forward to the Human Rights Council eliminating all the country-specific resolutions and mandates including those on Myanmar.

Thank you.