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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 122 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in North Korea  
(2014/2696(RSP))

**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**European Parliament resolution on the situation in North Korea  
(2014/2696(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK),
- having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to all relevant international human rights instruments,
- having regard to the 1984 Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,
- having regard to the report of the Commission of Inquiry on human rights in the DPRK of the 7th of February 2014
- having regard to the resolution of the UN Human Rights Council of the 26th of March 2014 on the situation of human rights in the DPRK,
- having regard to Rule 122(5) of its Rules of Procedure,

A. Whereas the UN commission of inquiry delivered its report on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 7 February 2014;

B. Whereas the human rights situation in the DPRK is deteriorating; whereas the humanitarian situation is a source of grave concern;

C. Whereas the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea established by the United Nations Human Rights Council found that systematic, widespread and gross human rights violations have been and are being committed by the DPRK;

1. Welcomes the report of the Commission of Inquiry on human rights in the DPRK and asks that it is transmitted to all parties concerned and brought forward to the broader public;
2. Expresses its deepest concern over the findings of the Commission of Inquiry on systematic, widespread and gross human rights violations in the DPRK, many of which constitute crimes against humanity;
3. Is convinced that the time has come for the international community to respond to these violations and take concrete action to stop the impunity of the perpetrators; demands that those most responsible for the crimes against humanity committed in the DPRK are held accountable and be subject to targeted sanctions;

4. Expresses particular concern at the on-going food shortages in the DPRK and the inability of the regime's economic and political policies to provide sufficient food supplies for its population; further condemns the regime's deliberate policy of denying food to prisoners as a means of torture, and the more generalised policy of employing access to food as a means of political control;
5. Calls on the Government of the DPRK to ensure a comprehensive investigation with a transparent and satisfactory outcome, to hand over all information on the EU citizens and third-country nationals who are suspected to have been abducted by North Korean state agents during past decades, and to release immediately those abductees still being held in the country;
6. Calls on the DPRK to immediately and permanently stop public and secret executions and abolish the death penalty; calls furthermore on the DPRK to put an end to extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances and collective punishment, to close all prison camps, release political prisoners and to allow its citizens to travel freely, both within and outside the country; calls on the DPRK to allow free expression and press freedom for national and international media as well as uncensored access to the internet for its citizens;
7. Notes with concern the PRC's refusal to cooperate with the UNHRC commission of inquiry, particularly regarding its refusal on multiple occasions to allow the commission access to the PRC:
8. Calls on the PRC to stop returning forcibly North Korean citizens to the DPRK and to fulfil its obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol, to allow the UNHCR access to North Korean refugees to determine their status and assist their safe resettlement;
9. Calls furthermore on the PRC to use its close relations with the DPRK to exert its influence to ensure that the situation does not escalate further and to actively engage in a meaningful dialogue on human rights;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the EU Special Representative on Human Rights, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Government of the People's Republic of China, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK, and the UN Secretary-General.