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Statement by the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
on Item 56 "Advancement of women"

To the Third Committee of the 63rd session of the UN General Assembly

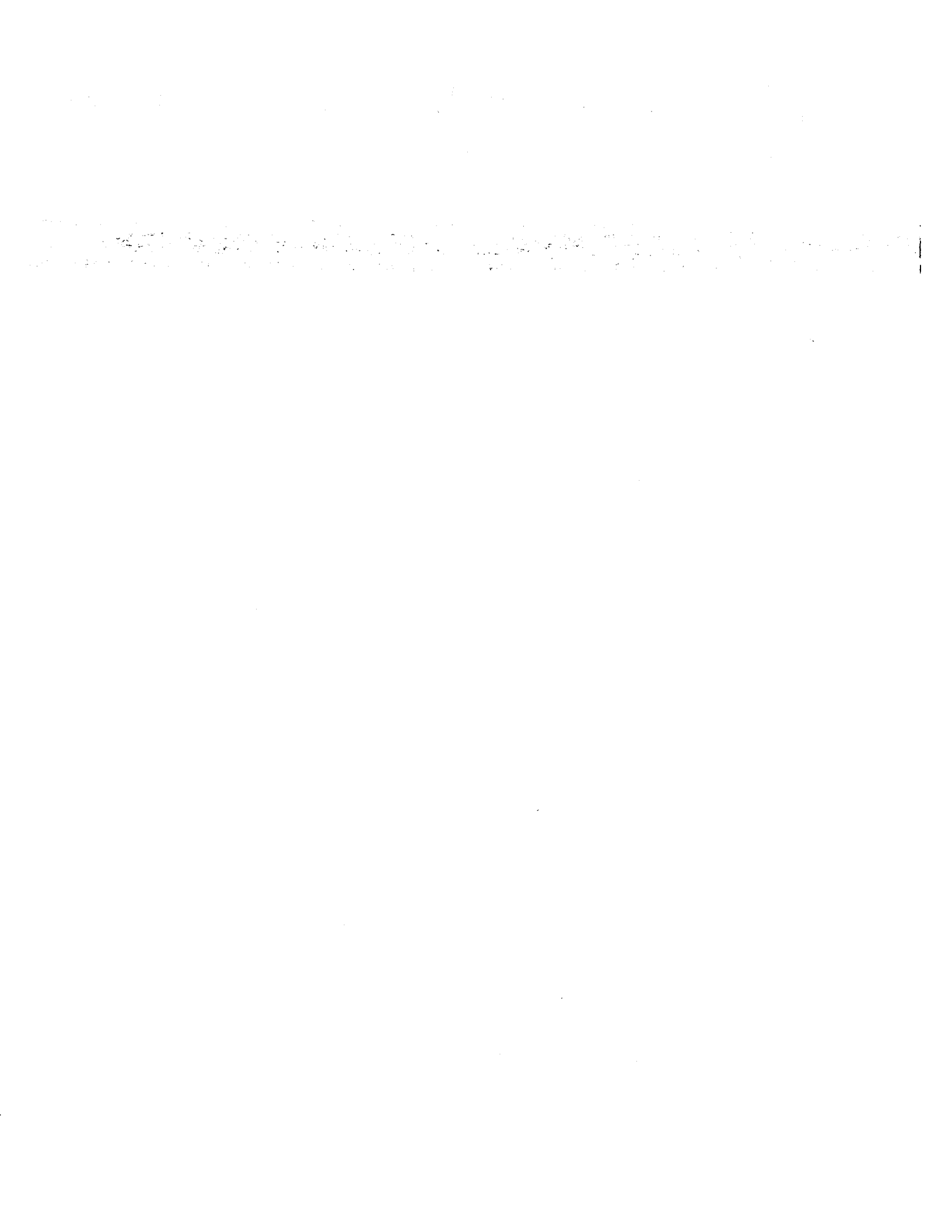
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Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset, the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would like to congratulate you on your election as Chairperson of this august Committee as well as the members of the Bureau.

I am confident that, under your able stewardship, the Committee will successfully deliberate all issues on its agenda.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Argentina and Bolivia on 11 October 2008.



The Government of the DPRK stands unshakable in implementing its policies to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and realize gender equality, upholding man-centered Juche ideas as its guiding principles

In the DPRK, thanks to the historical Law on Gender Equality promulgated in 1946, women are guaranteed with the same rights as men to participate in all areas of social lives, such as political, economic and cultural.

The Government of the DPRK has constantly reinforced its legal and practical measures to realize gender equality and women's advancement, along with the social development. Today, women in the DPRK fully manifest their rights in all fields of state and social activities, on an equal footing with men.

At the same time, the Government of the DPRK faithfully honored its obligations, as a state party to CEDAW and CRC.

The Government has taken measures to further improve and enhance the function and role of

fields, forcing them to sexual slavery.

However, the Japanese authorities not only denied the state responsibility for its crimes, but also refused to make sincere apology and reparation for the victims.

Negating an evident crime is a more serious crime and it is tantamount to an intention to commit the same crime again.

We would like to remind Japan of the fact that even the Parliament of some countries