Questions for all the stakeholders on progress in accountability for human rights violations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

for the Special Rapporteur's report to the 46<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Council session in March 2021

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Tomás Ojea Quintana, is preparing his next report to the forty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council scheduled in March 2021. In his upcoming report, the Special Rapporteur intends to analyze progress and challenges of the accountability agenda for serious human rights violations in the DPRK, including crimes against humanity, seven years after the release of the report of the UN Commission of Inquiry (COI) on human rights in the DPRK.

The contribution of civil society organizations and other stakeholders remains critical, and the Special Rapporteur would like to seek your views on the following questions:

- 1. What progress and limitations do you see on accountability issues in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea seven years after the COI report, and how do you envisage the way forward?
- 2. What are your views on the approach that should be taken to ensure that the obligation to respect human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including on accountability measures and ending impunity, and the need for the establishment of peace on the Korean Peninsula are fulfilled.

Kindly submit your response by email to <a href="msaji@ohchr.org">msaji@ohchr.org</a> by 10 January 2021.

Your response will be made available on the Special Rapporteur's official website: OHCHR | Special Rapporteur on Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Please indicate in your submission if your response should be kept confidential.

If you plan to submit other background documents, please provide with an executive summary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Madoka Saji, Human Rights Officer at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (+82 10 4230 3523, msaji@ohchr.org).