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Beloved Human Beings,
Mister Vice-President,
Excellencies,
Dear delegation of the DPRK,
Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Greetings of old stories made better,

Fist, we recall that the DPRK comes up for its Universal Periodic Review this year. As the country values the procedure, may this broadly show in the results.

Secondly, time and again, we recall that the 1953 armistice agreement ending the Korean war contains a not yet fulfilled mandate calling for a high-level peace conference for the Peninsula¹. Good will and changes in rhetoric will help this to happen.

Thirdly, there is a case here, an example for the global architecture for peace.
There is a mandate, both in the UN Charter and in the armistice agreement to settle the conflict peacefully. But is there a specific and accurate infrastructure for this?
Could there be, for any and all conflicts, a neutral and permanent specific instance where any party to a conflict can register its will to settle it, the conflict, peacefully, and progress therefrom?

Peacefully settling disputes is certainly a responsibility.
Avoiding to do so? Let us leave this aside.

May the whole world, and every individual progress in its well-being.

Dear Life Participants,
Thank you, Mister Vice-President.

¹ Preamble, article II §13, IV §60 and V §62. Available on Wikisource.