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Dear United Human Beings,
Mister President,
Madame Special Rapporteur,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Greetings of peace and dialogue,

When peace is absent, human rights are always violated.
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Dialogue will always be necessary for the progress of both
human rights and peace; said inclusively for the fulfillment of the
right to peace and the peaceful expression of human rights.

Madam Rapporteur,
Glenn Paige, founder of the Center for Global Nonkilling was a
political science professor, but he was also a Korean War veteran.
His work and the war experience opened his conscience to the
fact that life, thus nonkilling, is more important than strife.

There is a lot of tensions around the situation in the North of
Korea. Some care to pressure for progress and rights, others
resist and stall. Thus, there is a need for a new rhetoric, for new
dynamics, a need to find different approaches for all to live and
feel better, for peace and human rights to progress.

Madam Rapporteur,
How can civil society, and specially a rather neutral peace
movement, help you find and use new ways to address the
Korean issue?

May peace and dignity prevail.

Thank you, Mister President.