

PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA, GENEVA

19th SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

27 February – 23 March 2012

**AGENDA ITEM 4: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE
THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION**

Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of Korea

EXPLANATION OF VOTE BY INDIA

(22nd March 2012)

Madam President,

India remains concerned at the issue of the abduction of nationals of one country by another. We regard this practice as unacceptable and would like to express our support to the families of the victims, with the hope that the residual issues will be resolved soon. We would abstain on draft resolution L.29 on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

2. We encourage the Democratic Republic of Korea to continue to engage with the mechanisms of the Council as it had done so during its UPR.

Thank you, Madam President.
