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Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea(DPRK), let me begin with congratulating you for your deserved election as the Chair of this Committee. I hope that the work of this Committee will bring a good result under your able leadership

The DPRK aligns itself with a statement made by the representative of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Taking note of the Report (A/RES/71/146) of the special committee on strengthening the role of the UN which has been presented to this meeting, my delegation would like to clarify the DPRK's principled stand on role of the UN in accordance to the UN Charter

Mr. Chairman,

In realizing the sustainable development and prosperity of humankind in common, the maintenance of peace and security become the most core mission of the UN as ever

The UN charter was regulated as a key purpose of the UN's activities to settle the international disputes by peaceful means.

Also, it was done as key principle of the UN's activities to be abided by the principles of the sovereign equality and refraining from the threat or use of force against the sovereign states

The principle of sovereign equality enshrined in the UN Charter is exactly the principle of respect for sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs of other nations.

However, now at the just time too, it continued irregular acts that certain states blatantly connived the UN charter, the basis of international relations, and thus, international peace and

security is gravely threatening.

The UN Charter stipulates that the Security Council should act in conformity with the principles of justice and international laws. However, the Security Council continues to practice its anachronistic stereotypes and prejudices.

As it is degraded into a tool of high-handedness and arbitrariness in pursuit of ulterior political purposes of certain countries, the sanctions are adopted in the name of the UN which are, in turn, abused to infringe upon the sovereignty and to overthrow the systems of member states.

Today, complicated situation on the Korean peninsula is typical example shown clearly where on earth, UNSC is going and what it is serving for interests of certain states.

The UNSC has adopted unlawful and illicit sanctions' resolutions against the DPRK that condemned and made an issue of the DPRK's self-defensive nuclear test, peaceful satellite launches and regular ballistic rocket launches as the threats of the international peace and security without any international lawful ground.

All the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolutions" adopted so far by abusing the UN Security Council, have wantonly breached the legitimate right of a sovereign state and universally recognized international law.

The blockade-oriented "sanctions resolutions" against the DPRK are unethical actions going against civilization, acts aimed at totally denying the DPRK people's rights to existence and development and wrecking modern civilization and pushing the Korean society into darkness in the medieval age.

Nowhere in the present international laws including the UN Charter can find a single provision that nuclear tests, satellite launches and ballistic rocket launches are referred to as the "threats to international peace and security".

It must no longer tolerate the acts to misuse UN as a tool for high-handedness and arbitrariness, immediately realize the democracy of the UN regarding a main task as the reform of the UNSC as international community wanted.

Prevention of the danger of war and safeguard of peace and security on the Korean peninsula are urgent tasks

The United States continues to conduct a number of large scale war exercises every year in order to overthrow a UN member state by force in violation of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

As the joint military exercises are led by the United States as a superpower, the Security Council could not but turn its back on them, no matter how large in scale, aggressive in motivation and dangerous in nature they are.

After the US made the "United Nations Command", it has maintained forces of aggression and military bases upholding the UN's flag over the last 60 or so years until today while continuously coming into the enormous forces of aggression in and around the South Korea and aggravating the tension of the Korean peninsula and the region.

Respected supreme leader Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, said in the New Year Address as follows:

“We will continue to build up our self-defence capability, the pivot of which is the nuclear forces, and the capability for preemptive strike as long as the United States and its vassal forces keep on nuclear threat and blackmail and as long as they do not stop their war games they stage at our doorstep disguising them as annual events.

We will defend peace and security of our state at all costs and by our own efforts, and make a positive contribution to safeguarding global peace and stability ”

It is included a basic method to be ensured durable peace and security on the Korean peninsula in his precious instructions.

The “UN Command” should be immediately dismantled both in view of restoring the impartial entity and honor of the UN and ensuring peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region.

Mr. Chairman,

The prevailing reality proves once again that the democratization of the UN should be realized as early as possible as required by the international community

The DPRK delegation hopes that the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will take specific action measures for overall reform of the UN including through putting an end to the high-handedness and arbitrariness of the UN Security Council in conformity with the mission of the UN Charter

Thank you.