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Mr. Chair

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the First Committee. I am convinced that this meeting will come to an excellent fruition under your able chairmanship.

Mr. Chair,

80 years ago from now, the international community, reflecting the unanimous desire to prevent outbreak of another world war and guarantee common peace and welfare of humanity, established the UN and entrusted the First Committee with an important mission of maintaining international peace and security.

As a pivotal organ of the UN, the First Committee have dealt comprehensively with the issues related to ensuring international security and realizing disarmament over the past several decades, and thus made positive contributions to the maintenance of peace and security of the world.

Last year alone, intensive exchange of views was held in the First Committee on measures to make substantial progress in the overall issues of disarmament including nuclear disarmament, control of conventional weapons and prevention of

militarization of the outer space, and to put an end to the tragic bloodshed in the Middle East. Relevant documents adopted in the Committee totaled as many as 70 resolutions.

However, as can be seen in the last year, the international security landscape and geo-political confrontation become ever more aggravated with erosion of the legal and institutional mechanisms that constituted backbone of disarmament and security are all the more accelerated. This is the stark reality of today confronting the international community.

Contrary to the desire and endeavors of humanity to live in a peaceful, nuclear-free world, the US annually breaks the record in its military expenditure and openly increases dangerous nuclear arms spending and commits the acts of nuclear proliferation.

Moreover, transformation of the US military posture and its expansion of alliance are intensifying its hegemonic and offensive nature as it pushes ahead with a new missile defense system, forward deployment of nuclear armed forces in the allies and deployment of medium-range missiles in Europe and Asia. As a consequence, the strategic stability is seriously shaken worldwide and the qualitative and quantitative intensity of arms race exceeds the established limit.

As acknowledged by the world, due to the active support and undisguised patronage and backing of the US for its followers, Europe has been drawn into the vortex of war for the past several years and the Middle East turned into a theatre of bloody rampage where genocide and seizure of territory against other nations and military assault on sovereign states are perpetrated openly.

As the reality shows, lurking behind today's unstable development of situation are outrageous arbitrariness and high-handedness of a specific state that is steeped deep in "almighty strength" with absolute regard to its interests only without caring for international law and order - and security interests of other countries.

The international community should heighten vigilance at, and thoroughly oppose and reject the hegemonic acts of the U.S. and the West that threaten not only world peace and security but also the very existence of humanity.

Mr. Chair,

Arms build-up and acts of aggravating tension by hegemonic forces in pursuit of military supremacy are forcibly perpetrated in a more intensive and more flagrant manner on the Korean Peninsula today.

Daily intensified military collusion between the U.S. and its allies and their sabre-rattling in the area of the Korean peninsula represent the most explicit expression of their will to provoke a war and constitute the root cause of undermining peace and security environment of the region.

Under these circumstances, had we not possessed the reliable and effective self-defensive war deterrent, the Korean peninsula would have been turned into the theatre of armed conflict long ago incurred by imbalance of power.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs of the DPRK said that the absolute strength capable of effectively containing the enemy and flexibly controlling the situation is by no means a declaration or a slogan of a sort but building up of physical strength, its exponential increment, at our disposal.

Today the DPRK's nuclear deterrence has proves its capability for and reliability in defending the national sovereignty, territorial integrity and the lives and safety of the peoples from foreign military threats, aggression and attack and steadily increased the security coefficient on the Korean peninsula and in the region through its uninterrupted, rapid development and threatening demonstration.

Unless the nuclear threat to us coming from outside is terminated, and as long as there exist the imperialist forces that use the nukes for the means of existence of their tyranny, we will never allow an interruption on our road of bolstering up our military capabilities to safeguard the security of our state and the wellbeing of our people both at present and in the future, but continue to move forward to maintain the edge of our overwhelming strength.

Mr. Chair,

In order to realize complete abolition of the nuclear weapons, the biggest nuclear weapon states should duly take the lead in nuclear disarmament.

The U.S., in particular, should withdraw its policy of nuclear threat and blackmail against sovereign states and suspend sharing of nuclear weapons and proliferation of nuclear technology with its allies, rather than talking about someone's "nuclear threat" , as it is the only country that had ever used nuclear weapons for the first time in history to kill hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians 80 years ago.

The DPRK remains consistent in its stand against bio-chemical weapons and opposes militarization and weaponization of outer space.

The DPRK will, in the future, too, fulfill its responsibility and role to safeguard peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and the world.

Thank you.