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Excellency,

On behalf of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), I have the honor to inform you of the measures taken by our government in response to the recent aggressive attempt in its extreme manifestation pursued by some forces to politicize "human rights issues" of the DPRK in the United Nations.

The international effort for promotion, protection and guarantee of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all should be, to all intents and purposes, consistent with non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity on the principles of sovereign equality, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence as stipulated in the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

However, the United States, once again at the current session of the UNGA, pushes the E.U. and Japan to extremely politicize and selectively takes issue with the "human rights" of the DPRK, and in particular, pursues confrontational approach against our sovereign state by trying to establish the so-called "international criminal justice mechanism" which has nothing to do with genuine protection and promotion of human rights.

If such mechanism is introduced in the area human rights, the international effort for promotion and protection of human rights will result in only confrontation, instead of dialogue and cooperation.

Especially, it will set an excuse and precedent for bringing those countries with different ideas and ideals from the specific forces to the dock of "human rights defendants".

Such attempt targets not only our country but also all other developing countries that enforce independent human rights policies in conformity with their actual reality and people's interests without following the "human rights standard" set by those specific forces. Further, it may turn into action anytime.

The politically motivated resolution other than genuine promotion and protection of human rights immediately means confrontation, which can never be compatible with dialogue and cooperation.

The DPRK asserts and desires for genuine dialogue and cooperation in the international human rights area.

Under the present circumstances where human rights racket against our country is kicked up to the extreme, the delegation of the DPRK, proceeding from its firm position and will to build confidence among all concerned parties through dialogue and cooperation against confrontation, has decided to submit a draft resolution to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the current UNGA, with a view to further strengthening cooperative effort in the field of human rights.

I wish to assure you that the draft resolution to be presented to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee by the delegation of the DPRK will encourage the international effort to put an end to mistrust and confrontation and protect and promote genuine human rights through dialogue and cooperation.

I am also confident that as this resolution is based on the spirit of final documents of the previous Summits of NAM, it will contribute to safeguarding common interests and ensuring joint action of the non-aligned and other developing countries.

In conclusion, Your Excellency, I look forward to your active support for this resolution to be submitted by the delegation of the DPRK and herewith attach as Annex the main points of the said resolution.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest considerations.

Permanent Representative

Ja Song Nam

To: All Permanent Representatives of the Member States and Permanent Observer Representatives to the United Nations New York

## Main Elements to be included in the Draft Resolution

- Underlines the necessity for genuine cooperation without discrimination of any kind in the international effort to promote, protect and guarantee human rights and fundamental freedoms in conformity with purposes and principles of the UN Charter,
- Reaffirms that promoting, protecting and guaranteeing human rights and fundamental freedoms for all must be based on the principles of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity and should not be misused for political purposes,
- Takes note of the DPRK's free compulsory educational system and free medical care system as well as its active efforts made to achieve the MDGs and in close cooperation with such UN agencies as UNICEF, WHO, UNDP and WFP,
- Recognizes that the Report published in September 13, 2014 by the DPRK Association for Human Rights Studies will contribute to promoting the understanding of the member states about real human rights situation in the DPRK.
- Expects that recent positive measures taken by the DPRK to improve inter-Korean relations will contribute to easing the tension and promoting dialogue and cooperation between the North and South.
- Notes the Stockholm Agreement between the DPRK and Japan in May 2014 and expecting real progress in the implementation process.
- Notes the HRC's positive appreciation of the participation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the 2nd cycle of the UPR in May 2014 and its acceptance and taking note of most of the recommendations,
- Welcomes that the DPRK has recently signed the convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 as well as the optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in September 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 respectively, following its accession to and faithful implementation of major international human rights instruments including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Convention on the Rights of the Child and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

- Reaffirms that all peoples have indispensable rights to freely choose their political status without external interference as well as the rights to seek models of economic, social and cultural development based on the principles of equality and selfdetermination as enshrined in the UN Charter,
- Reaffirms that fair treatment of human rights issues will strengthen international cooperation and contribute to the promotion, protection and guarantee of human rights and fundamental freedoms,
- Supports the revitalization of work of UPR system of the HRC based on cooperation and constructive dialogue, ending the practice of questioning human rights situation of specific countries, condemns and rejects all attempts and acts to introduce international criminal justice mechanism in the area of human rights, and fully encourages and promotes the dialogue and negotiations leading to the solution of any outstanding issues,
- Calls on all member states to make further efforts to fairly deal with human rights issues
  of individual countries according to their political, historical, social, religious and cultural
  particularities through constructive and non-confrontational means such as dialogues and
  negotiations.