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## Foreign Ministry Spokesman Warns U.S. and Its Followers against Sea Blockade on DPRK

Pyongyang, December 14 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA on Thursday as regards the fact that the U.S. is now talking about a naval blockade against the DPRK:

The gang of Trump, being terrified by our accomplishment of the great historic cause of completing the state nuclear force, is driving the situation on the Korean peninsula more and more close to the brink of war, acting recklessly without any sense of reason.

Recently, speaking at a gathering in Florida, Trump cried out for the harshest sanctions on our country. Soon after his remarks, Haley, U.S. permanent representative to the UN who is scorned by the world as an evil woman, dared to wag her tongue about further tightening the sanctions against north Korea and utterly destroying it without realizing the meaning of words coming out of her mouth.

Besides, high-ranking officials of the U.S. administration like Tillerson, U.S. secretary of State, and McMaster, national security advisor at the White House, are crying out for sea blockade against our country.

The U.S. is trying to arrange a ministerial-level meeting at the United Nations Security Council on the 15th to cook up another extremely harsh "sanctions resolution" against the DPRK such as enforcing the naval blockade under the excuse of "non-proliferation".

The naval blockade the gang of Trump is trying to pursue is something that was already tried and ended in vain during the collective sanctions campaign against us undertaken by the Bush administration under the signboard of "Proliferation Security Initiative" in the early 2000s.

A naval blockade is an act of wanton violation of the sovereignty and dignity of an independent state and an act of war of aggression which cannot be tolerated.

The gang of Trump is taking extremely dangerous and big step towards the nuclear war by recklessly seeking the naval blockade against our country, neglecting the strategic prestige of our country that has achieved the great historic cause of completing the state nuclear force.

Should the U.S. and its followers try to enforce the naval blockade against our country, we will see it as an act of war and respond with merciless self-defensive counter-measures as we have warned repeatedly.

The international society should increase its vigilance on the reckless moves of the U.S. trying to ignite a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula, and if the UNSC does not wish to see the Korean peninsula and the whole world plunging into a nuclear war, it should act properly in accordance with its original mission which is to preserve peace and security of the world. -0-



Press Statement of DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesperson

Pyongyang, December 14 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson of the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued a press statement on Thursday, which said:

Japan, holding the presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during December this year and instigated by the United States, is now trying to make an evil use of its opportunity to convene a ministerial-level meeting of UNSC on "non-proliferation" issue of the DPRK.

The said meeting is none other than a desperate measure plotted by the U.S. being terrified by the incredible might of our Republic that has successfully achieved the great historic cause of completing the state nuclear force, the cause of building a rocket power, through the "great November event".

If "non-proliferation" issue is to be discussed, the first countries to be brought before the court of justice are the U.S. who is the kingpin of vertical and horizontal proliferation, pouring astronomical amount of funds into the modernization of nuclear weapons and hindering in every way the denuclearization of the Middle East, and Japan who keeps more than necessary stockpile of plutonium and seeks every opportunity to produce nuclear

weapons.

Our possession of nuclear weapons was an inevitable self-defensive measure to defend our sovereignty and rights to existence and development from the U.S. nuclear threat and blackmail and if anyone is to blame for it, the U.S. is the very one who must be held accountable.

It is also disturbing to see the UN acting like a puppet of the U.S. and dancing to its tunes instead of keeping impartiality as the lifeline in its activities, true to its mission to preserve international peace and security.

It is UN of today that, while ignoring our repeated complaints to take up the issue of the provocative and aggressive joint military exercises, the most graphic manifestation of nuclear threat and blackmail of the U.S., keeps itself busy kowtowing to the U.S. that asserts sanctions and pressure against us by condemning our self-defensive measures.

As we have clarified in the government statement, the development and advancement of the strategic weapon of the DPRK are entirely to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country from the U.S. imperialists' nuclear blackmail policy and nuclear threat and to ensure the peaceful life of the people and therefore, they would not pose any threat to any country and region as long as the interests of the DPRK are not infringed upon.

The DPRK, as a responsible nuclear power and a peace-loving state, will sincerely fulfill its non-proliferation obligation assumed before the international society and put in every effort to achieve the noble cause of safeguarding world peace and stability. -0-