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Most Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of myself, the African regional friendship committee and the rank and file of Peoples Progressive Party of Nigeria, I will like to begin by expressing our highest respect to the highly esteemed President **KIM IL SUNG**, the indomitable Chairman **KIM JONG IL**, and his most excellent Supreme Leader, His Excellency **KIM JONG UN**, who together will live forever in the hearts of progressive peoples all over the world as the eternal bearers of the torch of Juche for their undying exploits performed for the Korean revolution and the cause of global independence.

On this occasion, we reminiscence with deep emotion the great and extraordinary achievements made under their wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and the entire Korean nation.

Today, the world is a community of hope for all peoples because of their sacrifices and selfless service to humanity. Under the wise and fearless leadership of their excellencies, the Workers' Party of Korea embraced and propagated the world-renowned Juche-Songun masterpiece, which integrated the masses and the military into a single, strong and unyielding driving force of the revolution and socialist construction of the nation. In doing so, the WPK enabled the people to jettison the yoke of age-old exploitation and oppression and to become aware of their own capabilities and status, thereby taking control of the times, revolution and history. The Korean people, under the strong leadership of the WPK, armed themselves with the Juche and Songun ideas to wage a righteous and arduous struggle relying on their own strength to liberate the country from the Japanese colonialist and to this day continue to boast historic victories against global imperialism.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is known worldwide as a country of strong independence as it always maintains the principle of independent politics, self-supporting economy and self-reliant in national defense. It is recognized as a "country of independence" and a "country of principle" in the world political circles. It neither dances to the tune of others nor yields to any power and outside forces in the international arena, but says what it has to say and does what it has to do. It also conducts state building and activities independently and in conformity with its actual conditions.

The modern history of Korea is formed on the bedrock of the Juche idea as its guiding principle. This ideology sustained the people through the arduous journey in the struggle for independence. It has constantly adhered to the line of independence in politics, selfsufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence, and the ideal of independence, friendship and peaceful coexistence in external relations.

Throughout its history, the DPRK has resolutely rejected the intervention and pressure by great-power chauvinists and kept to the independent stand, insisting that there can be big and small countries but no senior and junior ones in international relations.

Many socialist countries collapsed nearly at the same time after dancing to the tune of others, but socialist Korea remains as strong as ever. The country's politics of independence owes much to President **KIM IL SUNG** who founded the country. He maintained the principle of independence throughout his life and rendered immortal services to the times and history, upholding the banner of independence,

President **KIM IL SUNG** authored the Juche idea, the gist of which is that the masses of the people are the masters and the driving force of the revolution and construction; in other words, it means that man is the master of his own destiny and has the strength with which to carve out his destiny. Since this audacious proclamation, the Korean revolution has vigorously advanced along the road of independence. The banner of independence upheld by President **KIM IL SUNG** is a great power of strength and encouragement to the Korean people who are achieving eye-opening successes in the socialist construction with a firm stand of independence, and also to the progressive peoples of the world who are struggling for the realization of global independence.

His Excellency Comrade **KIM JONG IL**, the eternal Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission, was also a great master of independent politics, who is worth special mention in the world history of politics.

The line of Songun politics advanced by H.E **KIM JONG IL** who carried forward the ideas and cause of President **KIM IL SUNG**, was to all intents and purposes an independent line ensuring reliable defence of the sovereignty and dignity of the country by efforts of Koreans in today's world, in which the moves of aggression and arbitrariness of the imperialist superpower has reached the extreme.

The stand and attitude the DPRK Government assumed in its confrontation with the United States in recent years give a glimpse into its attaching great importance to independence. Today, the international community is showing special interest in the mode of development peculiar to the DPRK, which has followed the road of its choice without failure for over 70 years.

Thanks to the wise leadership and sovereign policy of H.E. **KIM JONG UN**, the Korean people continue to develop and advance towards a brighter future without any hesitation or vacillation even under the harshest-ever sanctions by the hostile foreign forces.

As we speak, the Korean people are showing the strength of the powerful country they are building by creating numerous wondrous events and world-class structures under leadership of H.E. **KIM JONG UN.** The people have confidence in the powerful state of their land and cherish the future of their first-class nation.

Under the leadership of His Excellency **KIM JONG UN**, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has attained high authority in international arena as the bulwark of socialism, a fortress of anti-imperialist independence and a global spokesperson of justice and truth.

Therefore, we take advantage of this great occasion to give a most befitting honor to the Workers' Party of Korea in demonstration of the unanimous wish and desire of the progressive peoples of the world who hold the great President **KIM IL SUNG** and Chairman **KIM JONG IL** as the eternal sun of Juche and Songun and H.E. **KIM JONG UN** as the sun who leads to victory the cause of global independence of the 21st century.

LONG LIVE DPR KOREA!

LONG LIVE NIGERIA!

LONG LIVE AFRICA!

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