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## **Kim Yo Jong, Vice-department Director of WPK Central Committee, Issues Press Statement**

Pyongyang, August 10 (KCNA) -- Kim Yo Jong, vice-department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), issued the following press statement Tuesday:

The U.S. and the south Korean army desperately started joint military exercises further accelerating the instable situation despite the unanimous denunciation and rejection at home and abroad.

The joint military exercises are divided into an "exercise of the staff for crisis control" from Aug. 10 to 13 and a "combined command exercise" from Aug. 16 to 26. They are the most vivid expression of the U.S. hostile policy towards the DPRK, designed to stifle our state by force, and an unwelcoming act of self-destruction for which a dear price should be paid as they threaten the safety of our people and further imperil the situation on the Korean peninsula.

The dangerous war exercises pushed ahead by the U.S. and the south Korean side disregardful of our repeated warnings will surely make them face more serious security threat.

Whatever the scale and mode, the joint military exercises are of aggressive nature as they are a war rehearsal and preliminary nuclear war exercise for further rounding off the preparations for putting into practice the operational plan with the preemptive strike at us as the gist.

Every March and August, military tension and the danger of conflict flare up in and around the Korean peninsula due to the war frenzy of the U.S. and south Korea.

Now the U.S. doggedly pushes forward with the aggression war drills at such a sensitive time as now when the international eyes are focused on the development of the situation on the peninsula. It is indeed a chief

architect destroying peace and stability in the region. This also proves that "diplomatic engagement" and "dialogue with no strings attached" touted by the present U.S. administration is hypocrisy to cover up its aggressive nature.

The prevailing situation proves once again that we were quite just when we decided to steadily build up the capabilities for national defence.

For peace to settle on the peninsula, it is imperative for the U.S. to withdraw its aggression troops and war hardware deployed in south Korea.

As long as the U.S. forces stay in south Korea, the root cause for the periodic aggravation of the situation on the Korean peninsula will never vanish.

The reality proves that only substantial deterrent, not words, can ensure the peace and security of the Korean peninsula, and that it is a vital requirement for us to build up the force powerful enough to fully contain the external threats to us.

We have already clarified that we will counter the U.S. on the principle of power for power and goodwill for goodwill.

We will put more spur to further increasing the deterrent of absolute capacity to cope with the ever-growing military threats from the U.S., i.e. the national defence capabilities and powerful preemptive strike for rapidly countering any military actions against us.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to express my deep regret at the perfidious behavior of the south Korean authorities.

I release this press statement upon authorization. -0-

## **Kim Yong Chol, Department Director of WPK Central Committee, Issues Press Statement**

Pyongyang, August 11 (KCNA) -- Kim Yong Chol, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), issued the following press statement Wednesday:

The south Korean authorities started again the frantic military exercises regarding our state as the enemy from Aug. 10, defying the opportunity of

a turn hardly made amid unanimous expectation of all the compatriots at home and abroad for peace and stability on the Korean peninsula.

On Aug. 1, upon authorization of the Party Central Committee, Kim Yo Jong, vice-department director of the C.C., the WPK, issued a press statement carrying a meaningful warning that the choice of hope or despair is totally up to the south Korean authorities, stressing that the military exercises slated by south Korea with the U.S. would be an unfavorable prelude further beclouding the future of the inter-Korean relations.

The south Korean authorities were obviously given an opportunity of option.

But the south Korean authorities have now revealed that peace and trust much touted by them whenever an opportunity presented itself were just a wordplay.

In disregard of our advice, they opted for alliance with outsiders, not harmony with compatriots, escalation of tension, not détente, and confrontation, not improved relations.

Now that they made their clear option known to the whole world, defying the opportunity, we will have to make clearer corresponding decision.

As we have already clarified, we will make them realize by the minute what a dangerous choice they made and what a serious security crisis they will face because of their wrong choice.

They must be made to clearly understand how dearly they have to pay for answering our good faith with hostile acts after letting go the opportunity for improved inter-Korean relations.

It is clear that there is no other option for us as south Korea and the U.S. opted for confrontation with our state, without making any change.

We will keep going on with what we should do. -0-