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## **Foreign Ministry Spokesman Refutes U.S. Act of Faulting DPRK's Test Launch of Strategic Missile**

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA Tuesday over the fact that the U.S. and its followers are faulting the DPRK's test-launch of strategic ballistic missile Pukguksong-2:

The officials in the field of national defence science and technology and the workers in the munitions field of the DPRK successfully carried out the test-launch of ground-to-ground medium-to-long range strategic ballistic missile Pukguksong-2 amid continued measures for bolstering the nuclear force of the country.

As reported, the recent launch was aimed to finally confirm the technical specifications of the overall weaponry system of Pukguksong-2 series and fully examine their adaptability to various combat conditions before their deployment for action.

This is part of the normal process for bolstering the military capabilities for self-defence and a process that has to be gone through for deployment.

But the U.S. and its followers again published a UN Security Council press statement peppered with such rhetoric as "sanctions" and "denunciation".

We flatly reject the press statement taking the advantages of the U.S. hostile policy toward the DPRK.

Nothing favorable can be expected from the U.S. and its followers obsessed by inveterate repugnancy and hostility toward the DPRK. But it is absolutely ridiculous to see them finding fault with the DPRK's every measure for self-defence.

The DPRK substantially displayed the capabilities for mounting a nuclear attack at Hawaii housing the U.S. pacific forces command and the Pacific operational theatre including Alaska, and has built full capabilities for attacking the U.S. mainland, the stronghold of aggression.

The U.S. and its followers' despicable act of taking issue with the DPRK's measures for bolstering nuclear force will only result in increasing our hostility to them and furthering the efforts to diversify and modernize our own nuclear force.

