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FM Spokesman Blasts U.S. For Re-Listing DPRK As "Sponsor Of Terrorism"

Pyongyang, November 22 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA on Wednesday as regards the fact that the U.S. re-listed the DPRK as a "state sponsor of terrorism":

On November 21, the U.S. made a scene of re-listing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) as a "state sponsor of terrorism".

Following Trump's reckless remark on the UN arena of "totally destroying" our country, the U.S. labeled the DPRK as a "state sponsor of terrorism" this time. This is a serious provocation and a violent infringement upon our dignified country.

Since 1979 the U.S. has been labeling the countries that are not obedient to it as "state sponsors of terrorism". In January 1988, it listed our country as a "state sponsor of terrorism" and de-listed it in October 2008.

The U.S. deleted Iraq and Libya from the list of "state sponsor of terrorism" that gave in to its pressure. It also deleted Cuba from the list as a part of the normalization of bilateral relations. These facts clearly show that the label of "state sponsor of terrorism" is just a tool for American style authoritarianism that can be attached or removed at any time in accordance with its interests.

The U.S., the kingpin of all kinds of terrorism who cannot even prevent terror in its own territory, is acting like an "international judge on terrorism" while attaching or removing the label of "state sponsor of terrorism" on sovereign countries. This is clearly an absurdity and a mockery to the world peace and security.

The act of listing other countries as "state sponsors of terrorism" by the U.S. is one of the heinous means to suffocate independent countries disobedient to it, and it is only a cloak to hide its incompetence.

The DPRK government values international justice and peace, and consistently stands against all forms of terrorism and any sponsorship for terrorism. That's why the DPRK announced that it would faithfully fulfill its duty of nuclear non-proliferation before the international society as a

responsible nuclear power.

We have nothing to do with "terrorism" and we do not care whether the U.S. puts a cap of "terrorism" on us or not.

This time, while re-listing the DPRK as a "state sponsor of terrorism", the U.S. announced additional sanctions against the DPRK under the pretext of blocking illegal funds for "prohibited nuclear and ballistic missile program of the DPRK".

The nuclear weapons of the DPRK are the deterrence to safeguard our sovereignty and our rights to existence and development from the U.S. heinous hostile policy and nuclear threats that have lasted for over half a century, and as long as the U.S. continues with its anti-DPRK hostile policy, our deterrence will be further strengthened.

By re-listing the DPRK as a "state sponsor of terrorism", the U.S. openly revealed to the whole world its intention to destroy our ideology and system by using all kinds of means and methods.

Not content with its sanctions against our country, the U.S. is making a last-ditch attempt to suffocate our country by labeling it as a "state sponsor terrorism". However, no sanction or pressure can stand up to the great and limitless strength of self-reliance and self-development of our people who are closely rallied around their leader.

Our army and people are full of rage and anger towards the heinous gangsters who dared to put the name of our sacred country in this wretched list of "terrorism" and are hardening their will to settle all accounts with those gangsters at any time in any way.

The U.S. is talking about some kind of "peaceful solution" while making a provocation by labeling our dignified country as a "state sponsor of terrorism". Its pitiful lot reaffirms the philosophical truth that we were absolutely right to choose the path for simultaneously pushing forward the economic construction and the up-building of the nuclear force and we must continue to keep the treasured nuclear sword in our hands more tightly.

The U.S. will be held entirely accountable for all the consequences to be entailed by its impudent provocation to the DPRK. -0-

Impracticable “Sanctions Resolutions”

In September 2017, the US inveigled the UN Security Council into adopting Resolution 2375 with the aim of applying sanctions against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; it took issue with the fact that the country launched a test of ICBM-ready H-bomb. It was no longer than one month after the UNSC adopted Resolution 2371 in the wake of the country’s test-firing of ICBMs.

These resolutions were vicious and sordid in view of the means of its application and implementation.

The point is that the sanctions imposed upon the DPRK by the US and its vassal forces were doomed from the start, in the face of strong protest and denunciation by its own citizens and the international community.

A senior fellow and Korea specialist of the America-south Korea institute under the Johns Hopkins University wrote in his article contributed to *The New York Times*: If Trump believes that military threat and escalating sanctions can force the DPRK to give up its nuclear weapons, that will be his greatest blunder. If the Trump administration expects that China can exert any influence over the DPRK, that will be its serious miscalculation. Such behaviour will drive Trump into a tight corner. Time will betray Trump.

The former US Secretary of Defense Perry said: We should see north Korea squarely, not as we want. Over the past decades the US has drafted policies in anticipation of its collapse but they have turned out to be a failure.

South Korea is actively involved in the US-led sanctions racket against the DPRK. Some experts commented that the latter's tougher stand is unprecedented in history, predicting that sanctions and pressure will never impede its nuclear development. Even conservatives argue that the north's economy remains unperturbed in spite of the harshest-ever sanctions.

During their recent visits Europeans witnessed the reality in the country that is totally different from what they had heard and admired the fact that despite harsh sanctions and pressure all citizens have stable jobs and learn to their heart's content and parentless children are leading a happy life. Even American visitors spoke highly of this country, calling it a land of bliss or an earthly paradise that cannot be found elsewhere on the planet.

The Korean people, enraged at the anti-humanitarian sanctions racket, are overcoming all manner of difficulties on the strength of single-hearted unity, science and technology, by giving full play to the spirit of self-reliance and self-development.

Rallied firmly behind the Workers' Party of Korea and their Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, they have turned out with one accord in the effort to build a powerful socialist country by dashing forward at a Mallima speed.

Until October 1 100 or so units fulfilled their yearly quotas of the national economic plan, and an

increasing number of units carry out their two-year or three-year plans. With the rapid development of science and technology, industrial establishments have upgraded their production lines by relying on domestic materials and technology. A typical example is the recently renovated Ryuwon Footwear Factory in which over 1 000 modern machines have been newly installed. Power stations, factories and enterprises have mushroomed across the country, rendering a tangible contribution to promoting economic growth.

A leap forward being made in the development of defence science and technology, state-of-the-art weapons have been developed and are being deployed. They will contribute to resolutely frustrating the moves of aggression by the US and its vassal forces.

The Korean people are fully convinced that they can achieve any goal when they are solidly united around their Party and leader and strive hard with belief in their own strength. No sanctions can check the advance of such people who have cherished unwavering conviction in the validity of their cause.

