

Statement by Roving Ambassador of DPRK Foreign Ministry

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Kim Myong Gil, Roving Ambassador of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, released the following statement on Friday:

I have read with keen interest the report that U.S. President Trump pointed to the injustice of applying the mode of "Libyan-style abandonment of nukes" to the DPRK and proposed a "new method" for the improvement of the DPRK-U.S. relations.

I, as the chief delegate of the DPRK side to the DPRK-U.S. working-level negotiations, would like to welcome the wise political decision of President Trump to approach the DPRK-U.S. relations from a more practical point of view now that a nasty trouble-maker who used to face everything out of his anachronistic way of thinking has disappeared from the U.S. administration.

If the former shilly-shallying U.S. administrations with a rigid way of thinking were still in power, an uncontrollable situation would doubtless be created on the Korean peninsula, and no one would deny that this would come to be a direct threat to the U.S. security.

At the moment I am not quite sure what he implied in his suggestion of "new method" but to me it seems he wanted to imply that a step-by-step solution starting with the things feasible first while building trust in each other would be the best option.

The depth of what he uttered is something to give a second thought later, but the political decision to turn to a new alternative, finding it utterly impossible to make it with the old method is the manifestation of the political perception and disposition peculiar to President Trump, which no preceding U.S. chief executives even wanted to think of nor were able to do. I would like to keep myself optimistic about the results of the upcoming DPRK-U.S. negotiations with the anticipation that the U.S. side would come out to the talks with a proper calculation method.

