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## Press Release of IDP of DPRK Foreign Ministry

Pyongyang, November 13 (KCNA) -- The Institute for Disarmament and Peace (IDP) of the DPRK Foreign Ministry on Monday issued the following press release "The dissolution of 'UN Command' is an essential requirement for preventing the outbreak of a new war and defending peace and security in the Korean peninsula":

The U.S. and the puppet south Korean military gangsters are going to hold the first meeting of defense authorities of puppet south Korea and member states of the "UN Command" in the region of south Korean puppets on November 14.

This confab, to be held under the manipulation of the U.S. secretary of Defense, will reportedly adopt a "joint declaration" showing the will of "UN Command" member states to cope with contingency in the Korean peninsula.

The "UN Command", which should have been dissolved decades ago, is now revealing its aggressive nature again, seeking to cook up a declaration of confrontation simulating the second Korean war. This shows that the security terrain of the Korean peninsula is being more definitely turned into a waroriented structure by the U.S. and its followers.

The Institute for Disarmament and Peace of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) clarifies the following stand, considering it necessary to arouse the attention of the international community to the ghostly entity "UN Command" aggravating the situation of the Korean peninsula and the illegality of its activities:

First, the "UN Command" is an illegal war organization fabricated by the U.S. to send more aggression troops to the Korean front during the Korean War in the 1950s.

The U.S. instigated the Syngman Rhee puppet regime to launch an all-out armed invasion of the DPRK on June 25, 1950. And it cooked up "resolution" No. 82 of the UN Security Council, which branded the DPRK as an "aggressor",

availing itself of the former Soviet Union's absence at the UNSC meetings taken in protest against the Taiwanese authorities' exercise of China's representative right at the UN.

Then, it cooked up in succession the UNSC "resolution" No. 83 "recommending the UN member states to offer necessary aid to the 'Republic of Korea'" and the UNSC "resolution" No. 84 calling for "attaching the armed forces of satellite states to the U.S.-led combined forces command and using the UN flag".

In this regard, on June 29 and July 6, 1950, the government of the Soviet Union sent to the UNSC its messages stressing that any resolutions adopted without approval of the Soviet Union and China, permanent member states of the UNSC, contrary to the UN Charter, would not be effective.

All the facts show that the U.S. introduced its followers into the Korean front by abusing the name of the UN, pursuant to its ulterior intention to "legalize" its war of aggression on the DPRK.

Second, the "UN Command" is no more than a U.S. tool for confrontation as it has nothing to do with the UN.

In fact, the "UN Command" came to appear since the U.S. arbitrarily changed the name of the "Combined Forces Command" led by it into the "UN Command" in its report on the activities of the "Combined Forces Command" submitted to the UNSC on July 25, 1950.

The UNSC meeting on January 31, 1951, after the Soviet Union's reparticipation in the UNSC activities, adopted its resolution No. 90 on deleting the agenda "complaint against aggression on the 'Republic of Korea'" put by the U.S. on June 25, 1950. This is self-acknowledgement of the UN that the mobilization of multinational forces in the Korean War was wrong.

On June 24, 1994, UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali admitted that the Combined Forces Command was not established as an appendage under the UNSC control and it is under the control of the U.S.

On December 21, 1998, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, too, stated that none of his predecessors had allowed any country to connect the name of the UN with the armed forces dispatched to the Korean War by the U.S. or its command. After that several UN officials repeatedly stressed that the UN Command is not an organization of the United Nations and it is not under the direction or control of the UN.

This being a hard fact, the U.S. has abused the signboard of the "UN Command" for its aggression forces. It is a wanton violation of international

law including the UN Charter and a shameless insult to all the UN member states.

Third, the "UN Command" is an illegal organization which should have been dissolved decades ago in accordance with the resolution of the UN General Assembly.

The plenary meeting of the 30th session of the UN General Assembly on November 18, 1975 simultaneously adopted two resolutions on disbanding the "UN Command" and withdrawing the U.S. forces, in reflection of the just demand of the DPRK and the broad international community for the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. occupation forces from the region of south Korean puppets.

Resolution No. 3390(xxx)B, initiated by progressive member states of the UN, calls for unconditional and immediate dissolution of the "UN Command" and withdrawal of all foreign troops from the puppet region. Resolution No. 3390(xxx)A, proposed by the U.S., states that the "UN Command" should be disbanded from January 1, 1976 and the U.S. forces should be withdrawn from the puppet region if another mechanism is established to maintain the Armistice Agreement.

At that time the U.S. clarified the conditioned disorganization of the "UN Command" and its willingness for the pullout of the U.S. forces, as a last resort to avoid the immediate dissolution of the "UN Command". Anyhow, this evidently shows that they themselves recognized the "UN Command" as an entity to be disbanded.

Nevertheless, the "UN Command" has persisted for several decades and is now reviving as a U.S.-led multinational war tool. This is serious developments that endanger the security in the Asia-Pacific region including the Korean peninsula.

Moreover, the U.S. and the puppet south Korean forces are staging largescale joint military drills of aggressive nature while deploying nuclear strategic assets in the Korean peninsula one after another. Timed to coincide with this, the defense authorities of member states of the "UN Command", a war tool for aggression, seek to discuss a joint counter-action plan which made the contingency on the Korean peninsula a fait accompli. This is a dangerous scheme to ignite a new war of aggression on the DPRK.

The confab of defense authorities of the "UN Command" member states, to be held by the U.S. and its vassal forces, goes to clearly prove that the U.S. has never changed in its aggressive nature to occupy the whole Korean peninsula by force of arms but already started to provide actual conditions for igniting the second Korean war.

The international community should heighten vigilance against the U.S. and its vassal forces' military moves for bringing a new war cloud to the Korean peninsula and the region and resolutely denounce and reject them to save the world from the holocaust of a thermonuclear war.

As in the past, the DPRK will fulfill its responsible mission in the future, too, to drive out the foreign forces and ensure lasting peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and the region.

The illegal and aggressive "UN Command" should be dissolved without delay, and this is an essential prerequisite for restoring the authority and impartiality of the UN and promoting peace and stability of the Korean peninsula. -0-

## Press Statement of Song Se II, Director-General of African, Arab and Latin American Affairs Department of DPRK Foreign Ministry

The Resolution "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba" was adopted with the approval of the overwhelming majority of the UN member states at the recent plenary meeting of the 78<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

This is another brilliant victory achieved by the Cuban people in the course of 60-odd-year-long struggle for territorial integrity, sovereignty and socialist construction.

187 countries which account for the absolute majority of the UN member states have voted in favor of this UNGA resolution. This is a manifestation of the sentiment of the international community, opposing strongly the unilateral economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the U.S. against Cuba and supporting the Cuban people in their sacred cause of justice.

Only the U.S. and Israel vetoed the resolution.

Since the first day of the victory of the Cuban revolution, the U.S. has been imposing an all-out economic embargo on the former, in flagrant violation of the UN Charter and international laws, for the sole reason that the Cuban people are adhering to the ideals of anti-imperialism, independence and socialism.

Resolutions calling for an end to the U.S. blockade against Cuba have been adopted at the UN General Assembly with support of a majority of the UN member states every year since 1992. However, the U.S. has persisted in voting against those resolutions and pursuing sanctions and pressure to stifle socialist Cuba.

The cruel and inhumane blockade by the U.S. caused indescribable misfortunes and pains for the Cuban people for as long as more than half a century, leading to the economic loss of an astronomical figure.

According to the recent announcement of the Cuba's foreign ministry, the economic loss incurred by the harsh U.S. sanctions and blockade comes to 405 million USD every month.

This single fact is good enough to vividly show the inhumane and heinous nature of the U.S. which seriously violates and threatens the fundamental rights to existence and development of Cuban people.

This year alone, the current U.S. administration continued listing Cuba as "state sponsor of terrorism" and decided to extend the sanctions against Cuba by another year, wielding the exclusive "Trading With The Enemy Act".

The coercive measures of the U.S. against Cuba are an outrageous violation of the UN Charter and international laws that stipulate the principles of respect for sovereignty, equality and non-interference in internal affairs. They are an intolerable criminal act.

The U.S. should look clearly at the ever-raging public sentiment of the international community, lift without further delay the unilateral and extraterritorial embargo on the economy, trade and finance of Cuba and remove it from the list of "state sponsors of terrorism".

We will as ever continue to express full support for and solidarity with the Party, government and people of Cuba in their righteous struggle to safeguard the national dignity and sovereignty and gains of revolution, develop the economy and improve the people's livelihood. We always stand ready to be with the Cuban people in the course of common struggle for anti-imperialism, independence and socialism. Pyongyang, November 13, Juche 112(2023)

## Japan Can Never Evade State Responsibility for Hideous Crimes against Humanity

Pyongyang, November 13 (KCNA) -- Kim Sol Hwa, a researcher of the Institute for Japan Studies under the DPRK Foreign Ministry, issued the following article "Japan can never evade the state responsibility for the hideous crimes against humanity":

The Japanese authorities' recent shameless act of denying the history is further touching off the anti-Japanese sentiments of the Korean people.

The chief Cabinet secretary of Japan, who said on August 30 that a "record can not be found in the government to grasp the true relations" with the massacre of Koreans in Kanto, made reckless remarks once again on November 9 that "the government's view is that it is difficult to grasp the fact at present as there is not court record."

It is a stark historical truth recognized by the public at home and abroad that the massacre of Koreans in Kanto was a thrice-cursed national chauvinist massacre committed by Japan in an organized and planned way with the mobilization of its state power.

As regards the centenary of the great Kanto quake this year, data proving the involvement of the authorities have been disclosed at a time when various events took place one after another to honor the memory of the Korean victims and witnesses and material evidence disclosing the massacre were unearthed. So the Japanese public is becoming increasingly vocal demanding that the government admit the state responsibility for the massacre and make an apology.

Under such situation, the chief Cabinet secretary speaking for the government's stand has persistently denied the massacre, talking about

"record". This is an intolerable insult to the victims and their bereaved families and a shameless act to evade the state responsibility for the hideous crimes against humanity.

The atmosphere of hostility toward the DPRK is rampant in the whole society of Japan and the DPRK-Japan relations are getting worse day by day. This is attributable to the principal statesmen of Japan who have no sense of guilty about the past crimes and are ignorant of elementary human ethics and morality.

Japan is making desperate efforts to erase its blood-stained past history. This is a clear proof of its will to repeat the history of aggression.

The persistent denial of the criminal acts can never cover up the truth of history, and Japan can never evade the responsibility for the crimes. -0-

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