

## **DPRK Foreign Minister Issues Press Statement**

Pyongyang, September 30 (KCNA) -- Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, issued the following press statement on Saturday:

On September 29 the U.S. and its vassal states convened closed-door negotiations of the UN Security Council, in which they denounced the inviolable constitutional activities of the DPRK and its measures for bolstering up the capabilities for self-defence.

I brand the illegal and outrageous acts of the U.S. and other hostile forces, which termed the exercise of the DPRK's entirely just exercise of its sovereignty a "provocation" and "threat", as a frontal challenge to the sovereignty of the DPRK and undisguised interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign state, and vehemently denounce and reject them.

It is the extreme double standard for the UNSC to take issue with the DPRK over the exercise of its legitimate sovereign right only, while completely overlooking the ceaseless military provocations being perpetrated by the U.S. and its vassal forces, which declared the "end of regime" in the DPRK as their national policy, to wreck peace and stability of the Korean peninsula.

The abnormal behavior of the UNSC, which pulls up a sovereign state over its legislative activities, legitimate use of space and normal development of external relations, proves that the hostile forces' insistence on the "implementation of the UN resolution" means, in essence, the complete renunciation of the sovereignty by the DPRK.

It is an inevitable result in the DPRK's historical process for bolstering up its national defence capabilities and raising its national prestige that it fixed its legal position as a responsible nuclear weapons state at the highest level.

The DPRK formulated its status as a nuclear weapons state in its constitution, which is of great significance in the fact that it guarantees the eternal foundation for its prosperity and provided a powerful legal lever for defending its sovereignty as a nuclear-armed nation, not merely the constitutional work that revised and supplemented the provisions of the supreme code of the nation.

The position and role of the nuclear weapons in ensuring the security of the DPRK accurately reflect the threats from the outside hostile forces and the ever-changing global geopolitical structure at present and in the future.

It is the undeniable stark reality that the U.S. and its vassal forces' ceaseless nuclear threats to the DPRK, which has lingered for more than half a century, have become a decisive factor and premise that triggered the DPRK's access to nuclear weapons and constant bolstering of its nuclear force.

It is the history never to be written off nor to be revised that the DPRK was compelled to arm itself with nuclear weapons as the U.S. turned the Korean peninsula into a nuclear arsenal decades before the DPRK had access to nuclear weapons, and has ceaselessly escalated its nuclear threats to the DPRK.

The DPRK is strengthening the role of its nuclear force in ensuring national security and consolidating its legal and institutional position to cope with the U.S. and its followers' moves of institutionalizing the use of their nuclear weapons against the DPRK and making it their policy. No one is entitled to take issue with this independent right of a sovereign state.

As long as the U.S., the imperialist entity, exists, it is the destiny of the DPRK to arm itself with nuclear weapons.

If the U.S. and other hostile forces try to deny the DPRK's constitutional position as a nuclear weapons state or deprive it of that position by forcing denuclearization upon it, it will be regarded as the most serious violation of its sovereignty and constitution forcing it to renounce its constitution and social system.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to warn the UNSC against its behavior of unhesitatingly employing illegal and hideous double standard, blindly following the U.S., bereft of equity and justice.

We will deter all the hostile forces' attempts to violate the inviolable sovereignty of the DPRK by launching the strongest and overwhelming counteraction and firmly defend its position as a nuclear weapons state, the supreme interests of its national security, from the outside hostile acts. -0-

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## Press Statement of Im Chon II, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of DPRK

Pyongyang, October, 1 (KCNA) -- Im Chon II, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, issued the following press statement on Sunday:

The U.S. unjust and outrageous hostility toward the DPRK-Russia traditional friendly and cooperative relations and its attempt to interfere in them have gone beyond the red line.

Recently, the U.S. groundlessly termed the development of the good neighborly relations between the two countries "violation of resolutions" of the UN and "violation of international law" in a bid to give the world public a false impression that the DPRK-Russia cooperation poses a "threat" to global peace and security.

This is a vivid expression of the U.S. hegemony-oriented way of thinking based on the Cold War-style confrontation logic.

The DPRK-Russia relations are developing onto a new high stage, according to the strategic decision of the top leaders of the two countries. They serve as a powerful fortress and strategic stronghold for preserving peace and for deterring the imperialists' high-handed and arbitrary practices, military threats and interference.

Given that the U.S. and the West have gone to the extremes in their confrontational and divisive moves for gaining hegemony, the good neighborly relations between the two countries have reached the height of development, thus ensuring the balance of the international mechanical structure and further improving the world strategic security environment.

Unlike the U.S. sophism, the relations getting more and more "dangerous" are the U.S.-led alliance which constantly threatens the security environment of independent sovereign states, assuming more evident aggressive and exclusive colors.

The U.S.-Japan-"south Korea" triangular military alliance, which has clearly betrayed hostility toward the DPRK and its neighboring countries, and NATO, the mastermind of the Ukrainian crisis, are just the cancer-like entities jeopardizing the international order based on the purpose and the principle of the UN Charter and posing a grave threat to global peace and security.

The U.S., which prioritizes the nexus with its allies to maintain its hegemony, has neither qualifications nor justification to find fault with the intensified unity

and solidarity between the independent and anti-imperialist sovereign states which are exposed to an actual threat from it.

The U.S. ill-minded repugnancy toward the DPRK-Russia relations only reveals that it lacks power and wits in the showdown with the anti-imperialist independent countries.

The anti-DPRK, anti-Russia hostile remarks of the U.S., an entity typical of injustice, clearly prove once again that to develop the DPRK-Russia relations is, indeed, the just way for building an independent and peaceful new world and realizing genuine international justice.

The DPRK will further develop the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation with the Russian Federation and other independent sovereign countries and thus deter the imperialists' military threat, provocation, high-handed and arbitrary practices and firmly defend peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of the world. -0-



## Press Statement of DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman

Pyongyang, October 1 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK issued the following press statement on Sunday:

There was a grave terrorist attack on the Cuban embassy in the United States on September 24.

We strongly denounce the recent terrorist act as a wanton violation of international law and an undisguised infringement on the sovereignty of Cuba.

Lurking behind the incident is the sinister intention of the anti-Cuban forces in the U.S. to tarnish the international image of Cuba, with the final aim of overthrowing the social system of socialist Cuba. Though the truth behind a shooting spree case against the Cuban embassy in the U.S. three years ago has not been probed yet, there took place again another case of throwing gasoline bottle bomb to threaten the lives of diplomats. This goes to prove that the above-said incidents were committed evidently at the tacit connivance of the U.S. administration.

The U.S. is keen only on putting those countries incurring its displeasure on the list of sponsors of terrorism, purposely turning away from the obligations of the receiving state stipulated in the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations. This can never be justified in any case.

The U.S. arrogant and despicable anti-Cuban moves are facing the strong protest and denunciation by the international community aspiring after the respect for sovereignty of an independent and sovereign state and justice.

If the U.S., always clamoring for "observance of international law" and boasting of "law-governed state", has the slightest will to defend its "honor", it should, though belatedly, acknowledge the blame for not only the recent incident but also all the past terrorist cases and probe their truth to show its sincerity.

We have consistently and fully supported the just cause of the Cuban party, government and people for defending the sovereignty and socialism and will always stand together with the Cuban people in the struggle against all sorts of terrorism. -0-

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