

# Conference on Disarmament

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## **Note verbale dated 28 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the texts of the statements made by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 26 and 28 August 2016.**

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to transmit the texts of the statements made by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 26 and 28 August 2016.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would be grateful if the attached statements could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## **Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

1. The news of a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) test-fire successfully conducted at a higher level by scientists and technicians in the field of national defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea came to rock the world.
2. Against this backdrop, undesirable forces are moving to create an atmosphere of putting pressure on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea over the test-fire.
3. The United States, and some other countries following it are accusing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of its SLBM test-fire and an "urgent consultation" concerning it was held at United Nations Security Council.
4. The United States and its followers, terming the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's test-fire of SLBM that fully demonstrated the nuclear attack capability of Juche Korea "violation of resolutions," brought it up to United Nations Security Council for discussion. This is just a hideous provocation reminiscent of the guilty party filing a suit first.
5. The United States staged Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16 joint military drills only a few months ago, openly talking about "occupying Pyongyang," after bringing hugest-ever nuclear strategic assets and troops to South Korea.
6. It is now desperately staging joint military drills again to mount a preemptive nuclear attack on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea despite the unanimous denunciation and opposition of all Koreans and the world public.
7. A touch-and-go situation where a nuclear war may break out any moment is now prevailing on the Korean peninsula due to the war rehearsal.
8. The United States outrageous nuclear intimidation only resulted in the steady increase of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's nuclear attack capability.
9. The SLBM test-fire which was successfully conducted without any adverse impact on the security of neighboring countries was a vivid manifestation and a striking demonstration of the tremendous power and inexhaustible strength of Juche Korea firmly consolidated in the face of the tempest of history and all challenges by the enemy.
10. The results of the test-fire proved in actuality that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea joined the front rank of the military powers fully equipped with nuclear attack capability and the United States mainland and the operational theatre in the Pacific have come within the striking range of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, no matter how hard the United States tries to deny it.
11. The service personnel and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would deal merciless blows at the United States with nuclear hammers of justice so that nails of injustice may not come out again, once an opportunity is given, now that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has in place all substantial means capable of standing up against the United States' nuclear hegemony.
12. The United States rash acts of taking issue with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's SLBM test-fire will only precipitate its self-destruction. The best way of escaping the deadly strike of the infuriated Democratic People's Republic of Korea is to refrain from hurting its dignity and security with prudence and self-control.

13. If the United States attempts to threaten the dignity and vital rights of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea even a bit despite its solemn warning, it will continue to take one after another epochal action steps it can show as a full-fledged military power.

## **Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

1. The United States and its followers committed a serious hostile act of releasing a United Nations Security Council's press statement finding fault with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's measures for bolstering nuclear deterrence for self-defence such as the strategic submarine-launched ballistic missile test-fire.
2. The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea terms the United Nations Security Council's press statement a product of brigandish acts of the United States and other hostile forces to take issue with and deter the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from exercising its legitimate right to self-defence, and categorically rejects it.
3. The recent farce of adopting the press statement which the United States staged by abusing the United Nations Security Council is a wanton violation of the sovereignty and dignity of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and a reckless provocation harassing peace and stability on the Korean peninsula.
4. While deliberately disregarding the written complaint filed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea against the aggressive United States-South Korea joint military exercises, the United Nations Security Council found fault with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's bolstering of deterrent for self-defence, being played into the hands of the United States. This is an illegal action taken by the world body to side with the United States in the acute stand-off between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States without an iota of impartiality.
5. The United States and its followers are terming the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's measures for self-defence a violation of "resolutions" of the United Nations Security Council and the like but even the United Nations Secretariat fails to give a clear answer to the question as to whether the "resolutions" are legitimate documents complying with the United Nations Charter.
6. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has substantial means capable of reducing aggression troops in the United States mainland and the operational theatre in the Pacific to ashes in a moment once an opportunity is given to cope with the United States unprecedented hostile policy and nuclear threat to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
7. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has already warned the United States that its rash act of finding fault with the SLBM test-fire would only precipitate its self-destruction and that the best way of escaping the deadly strikes to be made by the enraged people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is to refrain from hurting its dignity and security with prudence and self-control.
8. Now that the United States posed threats to the dignity and the right to existence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea defying its serious warning, it will continue to take a series of eventful action steps as a full-fledged military power.
9. The United States and its vassal forces will be held wholly responsible for all the ensuing consequences.

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