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**Letter dated 23 November 2015 from the Permanent
Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 21 November 2015 with regard to a "resolution on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" adopted by the Third Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its seventieth session (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c).

(Signed) **Ja Song Nam**



Annex to the letter dated 23 November 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

A "human rights resolution" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was railroaded through the Third Committee of the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

The "resolution" worked out and submitted by the European Union and Japan under the manipulation of the United States is peppered with fraud, swindle and malignant slanders and vilifications from the beginning to the end.

We resolutely and categorically reject the anti-Democratic People's Republic of Korea "human rights resolution" as a document of extreme political provocation against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as it constitutes an intense manifestation of the hostile United States policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and a typical example of politicization, selectivity and double standards regarding human rights.

The sponsors of the "resolution" have neither the face nor the qualifications to pull up others in light of their hypocritical nature and their current poor human rights record.

Those who should be brought to justice are the United States, which is the world's worst human rights tundra and kingpin of human rights violations, the European Union, which resorts to inhuman treatment of refugees, and Japan, which has not yet given any recognition to, or made any apology and reparation for, its atrocious past crimes against humanity.

The so-called "data" used by them as a basis for the "draft resolution" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are groundless and fictitious lies presented by such human scum as "defectors" who fled the homeland after committing indelible crimes against the country and their kith and kin. The truth about their falsehood has repeatedly been disclosed already to the whole world.

One has to see the prevailing reality with his or her own eyes before slandering others.

That is why we invited the officials concerned, including the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and see for themselves the superior human rights system and the reality on the ground, where the policy of most valuing and loving the people is enforced, drawing applause and admiration from many people around the world, instead of just listening to the rubbish lies of the riff-raff. We, at the same time, showed our willingness and magnanimity to engage in genuine dialogue and cooperation in the human rights field.

However, they cancelled the visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for completely unconvincing political reasons and certain external factors as a pretext and peddled again the "draft resolution" against the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea in collusion with the hostile forces. Such an attitude on the part of the European Union, which claims itself to be the “champion of human rights”, clearly shows its ulterior intention.

The forcible adoption of the “resolution” this time clearly demonstrated once again the essence and absurdity of the persistent “human rights” manipulation manoeuvres of the United States and other hostile forces in their attempt to overthrow the system of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. It has also disclosed the powerless true nature of the United Nations human rights bodies, which threw away the principle of impartiality and neutrality, bound to the United States and the West.

Although we want genuine dialogue and cooperation in the human rights field, we can never tolerate those who deliberately ignore our sincerity and willingness to cooperate, and seek to keep pressure on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to achieve their sinister political purpose.

The tragic developments in the Middle East and several countries, which turned into theatres of political anarchy and bloodshed, clearly illustrate the dear price to be paid for allowing interference in their internal affairs, perpetrated under the disguise of “human rights” and “democracy”.

The miserable situation in several regions of the world eloquently proves that human rights precisely means sovereign rights and that it is quite just and above board for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to strongly respond to any manipulative plot to overthrow its socialist system.

As the United Nations is abused as an arena for anti-Democratic People’s Republic of Korea manoeuvres under the manipulation of the United States and the West, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea will take corresponding measures.

The hostile forces have to clearly understand that they can gain nothing from their frantic anti-Democratic People’s Republic of Korea “human rights” schemes and intrigues.
