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Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes and rejects the anti-DPRK "draft resolution" (A/C.3/61/L.37) sponsored by the EU, regarding it as a product of political plot of the US and its satellite countries as well as an illegal document to debase the sacred sovereignty of the DPRK.

This "draft resolution", as a typical example of politicization, selectivity and double standards, can never be, in any case, justified since it is full of fabrications and arrogant instructions pursuing interference in our internal affairs from A to Z.

First, it is none other than a political plot-breeding document fabricated by the US to cover up its base human rights campaign against the DPRK, aimed at isolating and stifling it, under the disguise of the "unanimous message of the international community".

It is already well-known that the U.S. enacted a bizarre document entitled "North Korean Human Rights Act", subsequently appointed a "special envoy on human rights in north Korea", and earmarked tens of millions of dollars for the anti-DPRK plot every year.

Japan, who is crazy with inveterate enmity toward the DPRK and its ambition for reinvasion, is perpetrating such ridiculous acts as enacting "Bill on North Korean Human Rights" and "Bill on Sanction", and appointment of an ambassador on human rights following the suit of the US, its superior ally.

On the other hand, the EU has been supporting in the flank the anti-DPRK racket that was devised and orchestrated by the US through sponsoring and forcibly adopting the anti- DPRK "resolution" every year. The EU should clearly understand that its behavior could not be construed otherwise than the role of a shock troop serving for the US hostile policy toward the DPRK.

My delegation draws the attention of this Committee to the fact that the main sponsors of the "resolution" are the worst violators of human rights such as the US, Japan and other western countries which have perpetrated aggressions and slaughtering wars, and cruelly violated human rights of the people in a number of countries, century after century.

It is preposterous that such violators of human rights are talking about the human rights situation of others under the guise of "advocate of human rights".

Second, the "draft resolution" is a typical example of selectivity and double standards.

The gravest concern of the world today is the worst human rights violations by the US and other western countries, rather than the fictitious "human rights issue" of the DPRK.

It arouses deep concern of international community that the US and western countries created such situations as illegal US invasion of Iraq and massacre of civilians, establishment of secret overseas prison camps by the CIA, inhumane torture and

maltreatment of detainees, and extreme discrimination against other races and migrants.

Moreover, invasion of Lebanon, and, in particular, slaughtering of civilians including children and women recently perpetrated by Israel under the active patronage of the US, were the war crimes in utter ignorance of international law and human rights.

Where on earth can we find more outrageous, barbarous and worst violations of human rights than this?

While keeping mum about these evildoings, the EU selectively pulls up only independent countries, including the DPRK.

Who can say that it is fair, and also who can say that such a "draft resolution" tabled by such hypocrites and double-faces reflects the will of international community?

We will never admit such a "draft resolution" nor give an eye to such "resolutions" prompted from sinister political purpose, no matter how many of its kind are adopted.

Human rights means sovereignty of a state. Human rights which is not guaranteed by sovereignty of a state is nothing but an empty talk. This is the lesson we could draw from the history.

We will never tolerate any attempt to, even in an inch, hurt our sacred socialist system chosen and defended by our people.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

It is the view shared by developing countries that country-specific resolutions are only useless and harmful things, which not only bring about politicization of the UN human rights mechanism, and confrontation and mistrust among Member States, but totally block possibilities of dialogue and cooperation between the authorities concerned.

Nothing is more pressing than to put an end to the anachronistic practice of the West today.

The delegation of the DPRK expresses its conviction that all Member States who cherish justice would express their support to and solidarity with the DPRK, holding fast their independent and firm position against the politicization of human rights, selectivity and double standards.

Thank you.