

DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman Rejects UNSC "Resolution on Sanctions"

Pyongyang, March 4 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued the following statement on Thursday:

The U.S. fabricated another "resolution on sanctions" by abusing the UNSC, while finding fault with the DPRK's H-bomb test and satellite launch.

The "resolution" unprecedented in its viciousness and illegality is a brigandish product which can never be justified.

If the access to nuclear weapons is to be called into question, the U.S., the first country in the world which had access to nuclear weapons and the only user of them, should be done so and if any fault is to be found with the DPRK's access to nuclear weapons, it is imperative to pull up the U.S. over the hostile policy and nuclear threat toward the DPRK for which it is responsible.

The DPRK's access to nuclear weapons is an unavoidable option for self-defense made by it as the U.S., the world biggest nuclear weapons state and the only user of the nuclear weapons, designated the dignified DPRK as an "axis of evil" and target of a preemptive nuclear strike and has persistently escalated the hostile moves and nuclear threats to the DPRK by introducing various kinds of lethal hardware for a nuclear war.

The DPRK's H-bomb test and satellite launch are being termed a breach of the previous "resolutions" of the UNSC but, in essence, those "resolutions" are a product of high-handedness practiced beyond the mandate of the UNSC.

If the UNSC has the mandate to ban an individual country from conducting a nuclear test, what does the NPT exist for and what is the nuclear test ban treaty necessary for?

As for the satellite launch, it is the legitimate right of a sovereign state.

The DPRK shaped the 5-year program for national aerospace development through the legitimate exercise of the independent right recognized by international law and according to it successfully launched earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong-4 which is now under normal operation.

Where in the UN Charter is the mandate investing the UNSC with the right to deprive an individual UN member nation of the right to use space for peaceful purposes, a right specified in international law, stipulated?

If the DPRK's satellite launch is to be found fault with, it is necessary to call into question all countries that launched satellites including the U.S.

The U.S., preoccupied with the hostility toward the DPRK, went so crude as not to hesitate to devise "luxury goods" as embargo items in a bid to prohibit the DPRK from importing even sports apparatuses such as ski resort facilities which have nothing to do with the development of weaponry.

Underlying it is a vicious hostile purpose and nature against human rights aimed to arrest happy laughs of people from being heard from such cultural recreation grounds as the Masikryong Ski Resort in the DPRK and to prevent its people from enjoying highly civilized socialist life, the promise the Workers' Party of Korea made to them, and, furthermore, to bring down the social system of the DPRK.

The DPRK bitterly denounces and totally rejects all "resolutions" against it including the recent "resolution", which are being misused for sinister political purpose of a big power in wanton violation of the independent right, right to development and right to existence of the sovereign state, as the criminal documents devoid of impartiality, legitimacy and morality.

Many member nations of the United Nations, small countries, in particular, are getting increasingly vocal in their call for the democratic reform of the UN Security Council the most undemocratic and unfair old structure and nature of which are still left intact within the UN machinery. And they are expressing their protest by ignoring unreasonable resolutions of the UNSC.

The DPRK, a country that covered the path of self-reliance and self-development in face of the U.S. sanctions and blockade, recently took the path it should have taken, while being fully aware that the U.S. would slap sanctions again.

The DPRK's self-development-first principle is the strength of the courageous people who emerged as a H-bomb state and satellite launching state by dint of its indigenous wisdom and technology with firm belief in their own efforts despite the U.S. ceaseless hostile policy and sanctions that lasted for more than seven decades.

It is a serious miscalculation to think that sanctions would work on the DPRK.

The DPRK's bolstering up of the nuclear deterrent is an exercise of the just right to self-defence which should be done constantly as long as the U.S. persists in its hostile policy, and the DPRK's satellite launch is the work for space development pursuant to the legitimate right of a sovereign state which should be done ceaselessly forever irrelevant to the U.S. hostile policy whose termination is still up in the air.

The world will soon witness more steps and actions to be taken by the DPRK on its path of successfully implementing the line of simultaneously developing the two fronts.

The U.S. will be wholly responsible for the total failure of the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula as it refused to the last the abandonment of its hostile policy toward the DPRK. -0-