

**Spokesman for Korean Jurists Committee Slams Hostile Forces'
Harsh Sanctions against DPRK**

Pyongyang, March 24 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Korean Jurists Committee issued a statement on Thursday hitting out at the U.S. and its followers for slapping unilateral sanctions against the DPRK in the wake of the forcible adoption of the UNSC's "resolution on sanctions" No. 2270 against the latter by abusing its name.

The statement said that the DPRK's H-bomb test with which the hostile forces took issue is a self-defensive measure for defending the country's sovereignty and national right to existence from the U.S. aggressive hostile policy toward the former and daily-increasing nuclear threat to it.

It went on:

The above-said measure can never be a target of the UNSC's "resolution on sanctions" in any case in view of international law.

The issue of a sovereign state's right to self-defense is publicly recognized as just in the light of international law as it is stipulated in the "Convention on States Responsibility" and on the principle of such international law, the UN has adopted the Resolution, "Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their

Independence and Sovereignty" as a resolution since the 20th UN General Assembly in 1965.

The DPRK's bolstering up of its nuclear deterrent can never be bound to anything as it declared its withdrawal from the NPT in March, 1993 to cope with the dangerous situation created by the U.S. threat of a nuclear war and it took effect in January, 2003.

The satellite launch of the DPRK, too, can never be a problem as it is an legitimate exercise of the right to explore space granted by international law.

The U.S. pressed the UNSC into adopting the "resolution on sanctions," finding fault with a sovereign state's right to self-defense and legitimate right. This is a blatant violation of the DPRK's sovereignty, a serious threat to world peace and security and the height of the brigandish arbitrary practice.

Not content with fabricating the illegal "resolution on sanctions" against the DPRK in the UN arena, the U.S. is wooing its followers to put mean independent sanctions including sanctions against enterprises of the third country having business with the DPRK, openly talking about filling the gap.

The unilateral sanctions being imposed by the U.S. to stifle the DPRK are an illegal and unethical action to bring down the social system of a sovereign state and encroach on its right to development and existence.

As it has become clear that the hostile forces' moves to impose harsh sanctions on the DPRK to stifle it are aimed to infringe upon its right to existence and bring down its "social system," its toughest countermeasures are entirely just in the light of not only international law but also the right to self-defence.

The harsher sanctions to be slapped by the U.S. and its followers against the DPRK would only make its self-development capability stronger and precipitate their miserable end.