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DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman Raps EU ‘Sanctions’ against DPRK

Pyongyang, May 30 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry on Monday gave the following answer to the question put by KCNA as regards the unreasonable EU "sanctions" against the DPRK:

Recently the European Union announced a series of "additional sanctions" against the DPRK such as increasing the objects of "sanctions", banning the governmental aid to the trade with the DPRK and investment in a number of fields and prohibiting take-off and landing of its planes and their passage through territorial air and port calls of its ships in Europe.

The EU slapped such "sanctions" against the DPRK under the absurd pretext that the DPRK's just exercise of sovereignty and self-defensive measures pose a "grave threat to the global peace and regional stability".

The UN Charter and other international laws have no provision stipulating that either nuclear test or satellite launch poses a "threat to the global peace and security".

If the DPRK's bolstering of its nuclear deterrence and space development for peaceful purposes pose threats, are the European countries' stockpiling and bolstering of nuclear weapons and ceaseless launching of satellites justified?

International laws, however, stipulate that blockade-like sanctions against a sovereign state in peace time are an act of aggression and an illegal action.

The EU "sanctions" are a copy of the U.S. independent "sanctions" faked up in violation of the UN Charter after the U.S. failed to railroad the total blockade against the DPRK through the UN Security Council.

The reality proves that the EU is undisguisedly toeing the U.S. hostile policy towards the DPRK aimed to stifle it.

The EU would be well advised to behave itself, drawing a lesson from the worst refugee crisis in history caused by its pursuance of the policy of the U.S. which toppled the sovereign states in the Mideast.

The EU had better focus its efforts on settling its own complicated issues if it is unable to strive to ensure international justice and impartiality.

The EU is sadly mistaken if it calculates it can lead the DPRK to changes through "sanctions." They will only help heighten the DPRK's spirit of self-development.