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On Agenda Item 84 **“Report of the Special committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization”**

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Mr. Chairman,

Taking note of the Report (A/70/33) of the special committee on strengthening the role of the UN which has been presented to this meeting, the DPRK delegation would like to refer to a number of issues on strengthening of the role of the organization in accordance to the UN Charter.

The DPRK aligns itself with a statement made by the representative of Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement(NAM).

Mr. Chairman,

Today, we would once again look back on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, role of the organization in pursuit of them through the reviews of the 70 year history of the UN.

The purposes of the UN for international peace and security remain unchanged. Respect for sovereignty, sovereign equality and non-interference in internal affairs of other nations are the most fair of the basic principles of the UN Charter.

In particular, the principle of sovereign equality enshrined in the UN Charter is exactly the principle of respect for sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs of other nations.

However, high-handedness and arbitrariness veiled under the various disguises such as

“democracy”, “humanitarian crises”, “counter-terrorism”, “human rights protection” and “non-proliferation” are committed in brazen-face in the form of sanctions, blockade, military threat and armed intervention. This is the stern reality we witness today after 70 years since the signature of the UN Charter.

The UN Charter entrusted the Security Council with maintaining international peace and security as the first and foremost responsibility.

The UN Charter stipulates that the Security Council should act in conformity with the principles of justice and international laws, but the anachronistic stereotypes and prejudices of the Security Council have not been unstopped.

It can find their most extreme expression in the prevailing situation on the Korean peninsula.

The government of the DPRK officially referred to the Security Council the issue of suspending US-South Korean joint military exercises which seriously endanger peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the region as a whole this year after the last one as well.

However, the Security Council still turned its back.

As the joint military exercises were led by the US as a permanent member state, the Security Council could not help but turn its back, no matter how enormous in scale, aggressive in purpose and dangerous in nature they were.

The Security Council has no authority to pass a resolution on prohibiting peaceful satellite launch by a UN member state in contravention of the international law such as the Outer Space Treaty.

The Security Council should no longer, not be abused as a tool for high-handedness and arbitrariness.

This reality proves once again that it should be immediately realized the democracy of the UN regarding a main task as the reform of the UNSC.

Therefore, the special committee should put to an end to high-handedness and arbitrariness in the UNSC in conformity with its mission and take concrete steps for the overall UN reform.

Mr. Chairman,

To immediately put an end to the history where the UN is abused by an individual country is the most urgent task to be completed without delay.

It is already established fact that the US cooked up the “United Nations Command” (UNC) in 1950 to cover its responsibility of provoking the Korean war and justify its military intervention in it.

Such UNC still exists for 70 years since the inception of the UN and is used by the US in its hostile acts including the nuclear war exercises against the DPRK.

Former Secretary Generals of the UN had testified again and again to the fact that the UNC is not in relation with the UN before and now.

The UNC should immediately be put an end in terms of restoring righteous entity and the honor of the UN and in terms of ensuring the peace and security on the Korean peninsula and Asian and pacific region.

The DPRK delegation would like to take this opportunity to strongly urge the US to dismantle immediately the illegal UNC as called by the resolution of the 30 session of the UNGA. At the same the DPRK delegation express its hope that all the member states should join to our efforts to dismantle the UNC.

Thank you.