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On Agenda Item 83 **"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,

Acknowledging that the issue on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the role of the Organization is also conducive to ensuring the development of fair international relations based on multilateralism much advocated by many countries, I wish to state the principled stand of my delegation on this agenda item.

Today, it is the most important for the UN to respect the purposes and principles of the UN defined in its Charter in order to strengthen the UN Charter and the role of the Organization.

The UN Charter defined the maintenance of international peace and security as the purpose of the organization and further stipulated that the UN is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its member states.

It also made it clear that all members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.

Equality stands for all countries regardless of their size or level of development and no country has the right to violate other country's sovereignty. This is the very core of the purposes and principles of the UN.

To this end, it is of crucial importance for the UN Security Council to fully abide by the UN purposes and principled defined by its Charter.

The Article 24 of the UN Charter provided that the Security Council shall act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations in discharging its duties for the

maintenance of international peace and security.

However, the actual conduct of the UNSC is far from what is being required by the UN Charter and, in fact, the UNSC is wantonly violating the UN Charter.

The issue of the Korean peninsula is one of the most notable examples.

The UNSC had never taken issue with the U.S. which has been posing nuclear threat to the DPRK for more than half a century, but on the contrary, it condemned the DPRK's measures to strengthen its self-defensive nuclear force as "a threat to world peace and security" and fabricated illegal and unreasonable "resolutions" one after another.

In view of the purposes and principles of the U.N. based on the principle of sovereign equality, the UNSC does not have legal grounds to justify its act of taking issue with the DPRK while keeping silent about nuclear tests and ballistic missile and artificial satellite launches by the U.S.

This is where the UNSC is terribly wrong.

Mr. Chairman,

The issue of the "UN Command" stationed in south Korea is another vivid example of the U.N. being misused against the UN Charter.

The 30th Session of the UNGA held in 1975 unanimously adopted a resolution on dissolving the illegal "UN Command" in south Korea as early as possible and withdrawing all U.S. troops to ensure peace and security of the Korean peninsula.

40-odd years have passed since then, but the U.S. still refuses to implement the UNGA resolution and the U.S. forces stationed in south Korea still claim the name of the "UN Forces" draping the UN flag without a twinge of conscience.

The "UN Command" rigged up by the U.S. with its provocation of the Korean War is a totally illegal entity which has nothing to do with UN except it has stolen the name of UN, neither is it involved in the UN's programs and activities nor does its control and maintenance is related to the UN in any way.

In other words, the U.S. troops in south Korea do wear the UN helmet, but they never report or answer to the UN or take orders from it. The so-called "UN Forces" in south Korea revealed its unlawfulness from the very moment of its foundation.

If the UNSC were to fulfill its primary mission and responsibility for international peace and security as required by the UN Charter, it should quit being a plaything of arbitrary and high-handed practices and the unilateralism of the U.S. and it should take due measures to peacefully resolve the issue of the Korean peninsula strictly in line with the purposes and principles of the UN.

Mr. Chairman,

The DPRK delegation appreciates the sincere efforts made by other countries to strengthen the role of the UN Charter and organizations and commits itself to tangible achievements of this session.

Thank you.