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At Sixth Committee of the 75th Session of the General Assembly
On Agenda Item 85 "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,

The DPRK delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM) and makes the following statement in its national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

This year marks the 75th founding anniversary of the United Nations. On this occasion, it is of great significance to review and assess the UN activities and figure out ways for strengthening the role of the organization on the basis of the UN Charter.

My delegation takes note of the Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/75/33) and would like to make the following observations on the agenda item on the table.

Firstly, the principle of sovereign equality should be strictly observed in all UN activities. Sovereign equality constitutes a fundamental cornerstone of all UN activities as

enshrined in the UN Charter.

Countries of the world, large or small, developed or developing, are all on equal terms, and no country is entitled to infringe upon the sovereignty of other countries.

However, acts of encroaching upon sovereignty such as the threat or use of force continue unchecked and selectivity, double standards and partiality are becoming all the more undisguised even after 75 years since the founding of the United Nations.

Illegal armed invasions and airstrikes on sovereign states and subsequent collateral damages are ignored. On the contrary, there continues abnormal situation in which righteous self-defensive measures to safeguard the sovereignty are called into question and blamed as a threat to international peace.

The right of a sovereign state to the peaceful use of outer space recognized by international law is violated and a country is labeled as a "human rights violator" for the only reason that it is not obedient to a certain country. This is the reality of today.

Without addressing such practices immediately, building of a peaceful and prosperous world cherished by the humankind since the birth of the United Nations will never come true.

Secondly, the history of the United Nation whose name has been misused should be brought to an end without further delay.

The typical entity against the purposes and principles of the UN Charter is none other than the so-called "UN Command" in south Korea.

As is well known, the "UN Command" is an illegal entity fabricated to legitimize the provocation of the Korean War in 1950 and has nothing to do with the United Nations. It is no more than the US Command that borrowed only the name of UN. It was confirmed several times by former UN Secretary-Generals.

At the plenary meeting of the 30th Session of the General Assembly in 1975, a resolution was adopted by the unanimous will of the UN member states, which called for dissolution of the "UN Command" in south Korea and withdrawal of all foreign troops so as to ensure peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

But, this illegal ghost entity, which is still overtly named after UN, is in the service of a hostile policy against the DPRK and the Asian strategy of the United States, thus laying huge obstacles to maintaining peace and security on the Korean peninsula and beyond.

Unless the "UN Command" is dismantled at the earliest possible date, the United Nations will continue to be disgraced for having been misused to meet unwarranted political objectives of a single state, apart from the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter.

My delegation takes this opportunity to strongly demand once again that the "UN Command" in south Korea should be dismantled immediately in accordance with the resolution adopted at the 30th session of the General Assembly.

I thank you.