

Press Statement of DPRK Permanent Representative to UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva

Pyongyang, April 6 (KCNA) -- Han Tae Song, permanent representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations office and other international organizations in Geneva issued the following statement on April 6:

The "resolution on human rights situation in the DPRK" that does not deserve recognition was forcibly adopted at the 52nd session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) on April 4, 2023.

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) strongly denounces and categorically rejects the anti-DPRK "resolution on human rights" drafted by the U.S. and its following forces as an intolerable act of political provocation and hostility.

The "resolution", unilaterally coerced by the U.S. and its following forces, is the most heavily politicized document of fraud which is full of such falsehood and fabrications as "denial of the right to information", "arbitrary detention and punishment", "social discrimination", "abduction" and "surveillance of the private lives - the non-existent and non-existent-able phenomena in our society.

Moreover, giving impudent instructions on this and that about the laws of our state is an act of intolerable interference in our internal affairs and infringement upon our sovereignty. The laws have been adopted in conformity with the will of all the people to safeguard the sovereignty of the state and the safety of the people from the U.S. and other hostile forces' outrageous attempts at overthrowing our system and their military threats.

The "resolution" is somehow composed of things that perfectly match with nightmarish human rights situation in the U.S.

Which country deceived the international community with fraudulent and false information and openly invaded sovereign states in the 21st century?

Which country is the police state where all kinds of hate crimes are rampant due to social contradiction and conflicts and black people writhe in pain as they cannot even breathe under the long arm of the authority?

Which is the unique "tapping empire" of the world that conducts nationwide surveillance permeating every second and every minute of its own citizens' private lives, and even goes so far as to wiretap the phone calls by heads of other states, employing the most advanced means of reconnaissance and surveillance?

Which is the country with an anti-popular system where more than a million innocent people lost their lives due to failure of its anti-epidemic policy?

The U.S. is indeed the worst-ever human rights violator and the barren land of human rights and it should stand trial before the international community.

The U.S. is making desperate effort to isolate and stifle the Korean people by the unprecedented, inhumane and anti-humanitarian sanctions and blockade. Such being the case, it stands as an insult to the human rights, a mockery of human rights and an unpardonable crime against the human rights that the U.S. dares to pick on the human rights situation in our country.

Such a preposterous and uncivilized "resolution" running through with falsity and fabrication has been repeatedly adopted in the UN human rights mechanisms for more than 20 years. This tragic reality highlights once again the need for a reassessment of the international human rights debate.

Given that such a noble ideal as human rights had been reduced by the U.S. and the Western forces to an ideal "weapon" fit for their aggression, interference in the internal affairs and infringement upon

sovereignty of independent sovereign states, the international human rights debate has lost its value – genuine promotion of the human rights.

The UN Human Rights Council is entrusted with an important mission to promote and protect the universally recognized human rights. But, instead of representing the common interests of humankind, it is now being misused for bloc-forming conspiracy of designating and attacking a specific country, subdued by high-handedness and arbitrariness of the U.S. and the Western forces. If it continues to go along this path, it will certainly be blamed by the whole world and will lose the very justification for its existence.

The anti-DPRK "human rights" campaign waged by the U.S. and a handful of its following forces in the UN by no means represents the public sentiment of the international community aspiring to justice and equality.

I take this opportunity to send a stern warning to south Korean puppet gang of traitors, a mere colonial servant of the U.S. even bereft of its national sovereignty, for its impudence to provoke our prestigious Republic with the human rights situation.

The DPRK will never tolerate any hostile act of the U.S. and its following forces encroaching upon our sovereignty and dignity, and will make every possible effort to defend the genuine people's system and their rights.