

## **Press Statement of Im Chon Il, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of DPRK**

Pyongyang, October, 1 (KCNA) -- Im Chon Il, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, issued the following press statement on Sunday:

The U.S. unjust and outrageous hostility toward the DPRK-Russia traditional friendly and cooperative relations and its attempt to interfere in them have gone beyond the red line.

Recently, the U.S. groundlessly termed the development of the good neighborly relations between the two countries "violation of resolutions" of the UN and "violation of international law" in a bid to give the world public a false impression that the DPRK-Russia cooperation poses a "threat" to global peace and security.

This is a vivid expression of the U.S. hegemony-oriented way of thinking based on the Cold War-style confrontation logic.

The DPRK-Russia relations are developing onto a new high stage, according to the strategic decision of the top leaders of the two countries. They serve as a powerful fortress and strategic stronghold for preserving peace and for deterring the imperialists' high-handed and arbitrary practices, military threats and interference.

Given that the U.S. and the West have gone to the extremes in their confrontational and divisive moves for gaining hegemony, the good neighborly relations between the two countries have reached the height of development, thus ensuring the balance of the international mechanical structure and further improving the world strategic security environment.

Unlike the U.S. sophism, the relations getting more and more "dangerous" are the U.S.-led alliance which constantly threatens the security environment of independent sovereign states, assuming more evident aggressive and exclusive colors.

The U.S.-Japan-"south Korea" triangular military alliance, which has clearly betrayed hostility toward the DPRK and its neighboring countries, and NATO, the mastermind of the Ukrainian crisis, are just the cancer-like entities jeopardizing

the international order based on the purpose and the principle of the UN Charter and posing a grave threat to global peace and security.

The U.S., which prioritizes the nexus with its allies to maintain its hegemony, has neither qualifications nor justification to find fault with the intensified unity and solidarity between the independent and anti-imperialist sovereign states which are exposed to an actual threat from it.

The U.S. ill-minded repugnancy toward the DPRK-Russia relations only reveals that it lacks power and wits in the showdown with the anti-imperialist independent countries.

The anti-DPRK, anti-Russia hostile remarks of the U.S., an entity typical of injustice, clearly prove once again that to develop the DPRK-Russia relations is, indeed, the just way for building an independent and peaceful new world and realizing genuine international justice.

The DPRK will further develop the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation with the Russian Federation and other independent sovereign countries and thus deter the imperialists' military threat, provocation, high-handed and arbitrary practices and firmly defend peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of the world. -0-