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Mr. Chairman,

Noting that the report (A/67/33) of the special committee on strengthening the role of the UN pursuant to the UN Charter has been presented to this meeting, the DPRK delegation would like to refer to issues on strengthening of the role of the organization in accordance with the UN Charter.

In the current international relations, the high-handedness and arbitrariness based on the theory of force and double standards is continued and the acts of infringement upon sovereignty such as use of force and its threats, interference in the internal affairs and sanctions are getting more extreme.

But due measures to eradicate these acts have not yet been taken, and worse still, the UN is being abused in justifying these acts.

Its typical example is the fact that at the UN Security Council with the mandate of ensuring international peace and stability, the important pending issues are dealt with at the will of some specified states in the interest of their own political purposes and interests.

It is today's reality where illegal armed invasion and air attacks by superpowers against sovereign states causing a mass killing of civilians are connived at, while legitimate and peaceful measures of developing countries to safeguard sovereignty and development become an issue, denounced as threats to international peace.

There are even continued attempts to expand the authority of the UN Security Council to the issues that are unrelated to international peace and stability.

This weakens the authority of the UN General Assembly which should represent the consensus of all member states and destroys the balance between main UN organizations, thus, causing confusion in the overall affairs of the UN.

Steps should be taken immediately to amend these practices that violate the principle and purpose of the UN Charter which clarifies the principles of respect for sovereignty, equality and non-interference in internal affairs.

In this regard, the DPRK delegation deems it necessary to establish a mechanism whereby the UN Security Council stands responsible before the UN General Assembly.

This special committee should help expedite the agreements and conclusions of the several proposals that are already on the table such as ensuring international peace and stability, peaceful solution of disputes and strengthening the role of the organization. It should also work out new proposals that practically contribute to the strengthening of the role of the UN Charter and organization including the reform of the UN Security Council.

Mr. Chairman,

To put an end to the current history where the UN is abused by individual countries is an essential prerequisite to strengthen the role of the UN Charter and organization.

The "United Nations Command" (UNC) stationed in south Korea is a typical example of the abuse of the UN by an individual state.

As well known, the "United Nations Command" in south Korea that was illegally invented by the US in 1950 is, in every respect, a US Army Command that has nothing to do with the UN.

Former Secretary Generals of the UN had testified to the fact that the "United Nations Command" invented by the US is an army led by the US and not the UN troops and the UN is not accountable for any of its political, military and financial issues.

The US is using the "United Nations Command" in south Korea as a tool for its hostile policy towards the DPRK.

Unless this "United Nations Command" is dismantled, the UN can never get rid of its humiliation of having had its name misused by the US.

The DPRK delegation strongly urge to put an end to the history of the abuse of the UN by an individual country at an earliest date possible by immediately dismantling the "United Nations Command" in south Korea according to the resolution of the 30th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,

The DPRK would continue to actively participate in the efforts in strengthening the role of the UN Charter and organization in accordance with the desire and request of all UN member states.

Thank you.