



# Democratic People's Republic of Korea

PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

820 Second Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017  
Tel: (212) 972-3105/3106 Fax: (212) 972-3154

*Please Check against delivery*

Statement by H.E. Mr. KIM In Ryong  
Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative  
Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
at the 2017 Substantive Session of the Disarmament Commission  
New York, 3 April, 2017

**Chairperson,**

On behalf of the delegation of the DPRK, I would like to congratulate you on your election as chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission to the substantive session of this year and other members of the Bureau.

I wish you every success in your responsible work and assure you of my delegation's full support and collaboration with your work ahead.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Indonesia on behalf of the NAM.

**Chairperson,**

I would like to state the general view and position on the work of the Disarmament Commission in my national capacity.

UNDC, as the representative deliberative body in the field of disarmament has an important role to play within the UN disarmament machinery

As all of us are aware, UNDC has been in a stalemate for 20 years in spite of the continued efforts of all member states including NAM which aspire for comprehensive and complete nuclear disarmament.

Nuclear disarmament, which is a primary issue for guaranteeing peace and security of the world, can be said to be at the crossroads.

New strategies and scenario to achieve the strategic nuclear edge on the basis of nuclear modernization and global missile systems are further being strengthened in undisguised manner.

Today the global instability and the danger of nuclear war increase day by day due to the biggest nuclear weapon state's reckless nuclear arms buildup and modernization.

To cope with this, nuclear weapons states are increasing their own strategic nuclear force in quality and quantity.

My delegation considers that we can not expect any tangible result in nuclear disarmament field as long as the anachronic policy of hegemony to dominate the world with the strategic nuclear edge is being pursued.

**Chairperson,**

My delegation contends that comprehensive and complete nuclear disarmament will be only possible when U.S., the biggest nuclear power gives up its the nuclear threat and military actions to bring down the sovereign states by force .

It is the U.S. which has the biggest stockpile of latest nuclear weapons and is pushing forward the state strategy of dominating the world with them as its mainstay.

The successive U.S. rulers have persistently resorted to the moves to monopolize nuclear weapons to dominate mankind under the deceptive signboard of "nuclear disarmament" and "world free from nuclear weapons".

The U.S. is invariably pushing forward the project for modernizing nuclear weapons requiring one trillion U.S. dollars which had been pressed forward by the previous administration under the motto of "peace backed by force of arms."

There are assertions calling for the repeal of treaties on the reduction of nuclear weapons signed with other big powers.

The U.S. is the biggest nuclear weapons state and a nuclear criminal state which inflicted the first nuclear disaster on mankind. Therefore, its undisguised ambition of hegemony and moves to modernize nuclear weapons would only increase the danger of a nuclear war and nuclear arms race on our planet.

**Chairperson,**

The Korean peninsula has now been turned into the world's most dangerous hot spot which can even ignite the outbreak of a real nuclear war.

As the international community witnesses every year, the situation on the Korean peninsula is often engulfed in a state that goes out of control, whose root-cause squarely lies in the U.S. which does not abandon its hostile policy towards the DPRK but hold aggressive war exercises one after another in and around the Korean peninsula.

Even at this moment the U.S. and south Korea are now staging the largest-ever joint military drills "Key Resolve" and "Foal Eagle" in the Korean peninsula.

Involved in the drills are huge aggression forces, including the U.S. and south Korean troops and forces of various vassal countries, and all types of strategic assets such as U.S. nuclear carrier, nuclear submarine and nuclear strategic bombers.

The U.S. secretly introduced ammunition and equipment of more than six million tons into South Korea from the end of last year.

It recently took a measure for urgent evacuation of the families of the U.S. troops present in south Korea and American citizens staying there ahead of the joint military drills.

The "4D Operation" aiming at a preemptive nuclear attack on the DPRK is being put into concrete shape through nuclear war drills and exercises targeted neighboring countries are openly staged under the simulated conditions of THAAD deployment.

After kicking off joint military drills involving hundreds of thousands of troops and nuclear strategic assets, the U.S. is staging a "special operation" drill, the keynote of which are a "beheading operation" for "eliminating the headquarters" of a sovereign state and a "preemptive strike" operation designed to destroy its nuclear and rocket bases. Clear is its ulterior design.

The U.S. has worked hard to justify the war rehearsals, talking about their transparency, annual and defensive to cope with the DPRK's access to nuclear weapons.

But it is no more than a paradox.

This is nothing but a cynical ploy to shift the responsibility for the escalating tension on the peninsula onto the DPRK and justify its scenario for aggression.

The U.S. hell-bent on the dangerous saber-rattling in south Korea little short of a nuclear arsenal is the arch criminal harassing peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and the rest of northeast Asia.

It is legitimate right of a sovereign country to self-defence to maintain high alertness for action as required by the grave situation in which a war may break out any moment and bolster up in every way the war deterrence capable of mercilessly wiping out the aggressors.

**Chairperson,**

The DPRK had no other choice but to go nuclear inevitably after it has done everything possible to defend the national security from the constant nuclear threats from the United States which had continued over the century from the 1950s.

The reason why we had no other option but to strengthen our nuclear deterrence with all hearts and soul may not be easily understood by those countries which have never experienced the nuclear weapons of a hostile power appearing at their doorstep and around their air space.

Peace has been preserved on the peninsula despite the outrageous moves of the U.S. for a nuclear war entirely thanks to the DPRK's resolute will and efforts to protect peace and its tremendous nuclear deterrence for self-defence.

Going nuclear armed is the policy of our state.

The DPRK's access to nuclear weapons markedly reduced the danger of a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula and replaced the era of nukes of aggression, in which the United States unilaterally posed nuclear threat, with an era of nukes of justice

As long as there exists a nuclear weapon state in hostile relations with the DPRK, our national security and the peace on the Korean peninsula can be defended only with reliable nuclear deterrence

We will continue to build up our self-defence capability, the pivot of which is the nuclear forces, and the capability for preemptive strike as long as the United States and its vassal forces keep on nuclear threat and blackmail and as long as they do not stop their war games they stage at our doorstep disguising them as annual events.

**Chairperson,**

My delegation would like to call special attention of the Commission once again to the maneuvers of infringing upon sovereignty and regime change including undisguised nuclear threat, war exercises, sanctions and blockade.

In conclusion, my delegation expresses its full support to the efforts of NAM to realize the comprehensive and complete nuclear disarmament.

Thank you.