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Mr. Chairman,

Taking note of the report of the special committee on the Charter of the United Nations and in the Strengthening of the role of the Organization, the DPRK delegation would like to bring some issues related to strengthening of the role of the organization in accordance with the UN Charter.

The 70th year of founding the UN is nearing. However, the acts contradicting the UN Charter still exist in the UN activities.

Important issues continue to be dealt by certain member states in their political objectives and interests particularly in the UN Security Council whose mandate is to maintain International peace and security under the UN Charter.

This has been proved by the critical and dangerous situation on the Korean peninsula created by the misconducts of the UN Security Council.

At present, the vicious cycle of aggravating tension on the Korean peninsula continues and the danger of breaking peace is very high.

The root cause of this prevailing situation rests with the US hostile policy towards the DPRK and the US-south Korea Joint Military Exercises in pursuit of their provocative purposes.

However, the Security Council turned its back towards our repeated demands to address this issue of suspending US-south Korea Joint Military Exercises and instead, it has questioned the DPRK's inevitable and defensive response to the US-south Korea Joint Military Exercises.

This is extremity of unfairness and double standard of the UN Security Council.

The Joint Military Exercises of question serves as an aggressive and nuclear war exercises aimed at "Occupying Pyongyang", the capital city of the DPRK.

The UN Security Council should accept our demands and address this cancer-like issue in order to ensure peace and security of the Korean peninsula.

Such reality shows once again the critical necessity of realizing democracy in the UN including the reform of the UN Security Council.

In this regard, my delegation is of the view that the Special Committee should review in legal terms whether Security Council live up to the UN Charter and accordingly, take appropriate measures.

Mr. Chairman,

Ending abused history of the UN becomes one of the most important pending issues in strengthening the UN Charter and the role of the Organization.

It is a well-known fact that the US illegally formed the "United Nations Command" (UNC) in 1950 in order to cunningly evade its responsibility of provoking the Korean war and justify its military intervention in it.

Former UN Secretary Generals testified on several occasions that the UNC is an army led by the US and the UN does not have any connection to this UNC politically, militarily and financially.

This is the UNC still occupying south Korea for more than 60 years and being mobilized in the US hostile acts against the DPRK staging the above-said Joint military Exercises.

This is a rampant violation of the UN Charter as well as a mockery to the UN itself.

Dismantlement of the UNC in south Korea is an issue which can no longer delay to be resolved in terms of strengthening the UN Charter and role of the Organization and ensuring peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

The DPRK delegation would like to take this opportunity to strongly urge the US to immediately dismantle the illegal UNC in accordance with the UN resolution adopted at the 30th session of the UN General Assembly and express its expectation that all member states actively join us in this regard.

Thank you.