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On Agenda Item 85 **“Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations
and on the Strengthening of the Role of the organization”**

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Mr. Chair,

The DPRK delegation takes note of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and hereby states its principled position on the current agenda item.

Firstly, the United Nations should fully discharge its mandate in conformity with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

Although over 70 years have passed since the foundation of the UN, the purposes and principles of the UN Charter are still openly disregarded.

Accordingly, full observance of the UN Charter and further strengthening of the role of the Organization are more pressing than ever.

In this context, what is of paramount importance is that the UN Security Council should act strictly in line with the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter.

It is abnormal that the UN Security Council, which was so eager to express “concerns” about the tense situation in the Korean peninsula, keeps silence over the current, positive trend for peace occurring in the Korean peninsula up to now.

Even over one year after the DPRK discontinued nuclear tests and rocket test launches, the UNSC has yet to lift or relax its “sanctions resolutions” by turning a blind eye to requirement of some member states of the UNSC.

In this regard, my delegation draws your attention to the resolution A/RES/64/115 which stipulates that sanctions should be periodically reviewed with a view to lifting them or not, or to adjusting them, taking into account the humanitarian situation and depending on the fulfillment by the target state and other parties of the requirements of the Security Council.

Secondly, the “UN Command” in south Korea should be dismantled at an earliest possible date in conformity with the developments on the Korean peninsula towards détente and peace.

The “UN Command” in south Korea is a monster-like organization as it misuses the UN by its name as opposed to the purposes set out in the UN Charter. In fact, it has nothing to do with the UN in view of any UN's activities and programs and of its commandership or sustenance.

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, the former Secretary-General and other high-ranking officials of the UN made clear that the “UN Command” is neither affiliated with the UN nor budgeted for by the UN as the commandership of the “UN Command” in south Korea rests with the US.

In addition, some member states of the UNSC expressed positions that the “UN Command” in south Korea, a fall-out from the Cold War era, has even created an

abnormal circumstance in which the UN looks as if it stood in the way of the current inter-Korean reconciliation and unity.

It is noteworthy that in reflection of the unanimous will of the UN member states, a plenary meeting of the 30th Session of the UN General Assembly held in 1975 adopted a resolution calling for dismantling the “UN Command” in south Korea and withdrawing all US troops in such a way to ensure peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

All in all, the “UN Command” in south Korea has no international legal justification and accordingly, should be promptly dismantled in conformity with the positive developments on the Korean peninsula and the resolution of the 30th Session of the UN General Assembly.

The DPRK delegation hereby speaks highly of efforts made by other countries to strengthen the role of the Organization and assures of every possible effort to make this session successful with a tangible outcome.

Thank you.