

Dear friends,

The Korean National Peace Committee (KNPC) extends its warm congratulations to the World Peace Congress successfully hosted in Barcelona, Spain by International Peace Bureau (IPB). We take this occasion to pay its tributes to the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) for their cooperation in forwarding our written presence to the Congress.

KNPC also sends warm greetings to all the participants of the Congress.

It is of great significance that the World Peace Congress is being held successfully even under such grave circumstances in which the world is going through socio-political and economic uncertainty entailed by the worldwide pandemic, and this very fact just clearly proves how much the will and the efforts of the international peace movement are strong and ardent.

The current international situation, in which new types of challenges and serious crisis are increasingly emerging along with conventional threats, requires us to make more active efforts for the unity and cooperation among the peace organizations of each country to prevent war and aggression, bring about stable peace on the planet and to eliminate key factors endangering the peace and security of the world.

The instable factors which destroy the foundation of the international peace and stability are increasingly emerging around different parts of the world due to the anachronistic unilateralism of the U.S. pursuing the world hegemony and blindly following of its allies. The structure of the international relations is being reduced to the “neo-Cold War”, thus posing grave threats to the peace and security of the world.

The high-handedness of the U.S, which oppresses the countries against their will running counter to the common will of the mankind aspiring after the peaceful world free from war, are rampant in the northeast Asian region, especially on the Korean peninsula, and it is hard to see yet how the prospects of removing military tensions and confrontation on the peninsula would turn out.

It has been 8 months since the new administration in the U.S emerged, but the essence of military threats and hostile policies of the U.S towards the DPRK remains unchanged despite modifications in their expressions and methods. The unfair and double-dealing attitude of the U.S towards the DPRK is still remaining persistent.

“ Diplomatic engagement” and “dialogue without preconditions” touted by the current U.S administration are, after all, nothing more than the veil to deceive the international community and hide their hostile acts.

It is clearly proved with facts that the U.S. and the south Korea are overstepping the bounds and seriously moving fast with their arms buildup and allied military drills, thus destroying the stability and balance around the Korean peninsula and further provoking the already-complicated danger of conflicts between the north and the south of Korea.

Even under the prevalent worldwide pandemic, the U.S. and the south Korean authorities waged over 170 rounds of military drills of different scale during the last year alone, and they pushed with joint military exercises in March and August this year ignoring the unanimous rejections and denunciations in and abroad.

Along with those series of military drills, the U.S is continuously sowing the seeds of the escalation of tensions with its untimely impure words and acts and is busy with impeding the implementation of the declarations adopted between the north and the south in the past.

The south Korean authorities are bent on begging external support and cooperation while clamoring for international cooperation in servitude to the U.S. instead of taking practical measures for the reconciliation between the north and the south. And one cannot read from their attitude the sincerity for peace on the Korean peninsula only to bring vicious circle of confrontations and distrust.

Military exercises and dialogue, antagonism and collaboration cannot stand together.

Those facts clearly demonstrate that the peace and security on the Korean peninsula cannot be realized unless the hostile policies of the U.S and the south Korea fundamentally are removed and practical measures are taken to verify the acts.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is exerting active efforts to ease ever-increasing tensions and to safeguard stable peace and stability on the Korean peninsula.

Our Republic are taking active and good-willed measures for improvement of the north-south relations while laying out fundamental guarantees to prevent the provocation of new war and secure peace on the Korean peninsula by providing the balance of power on the Peninsula through strengthening self- defense capabilities, and those measures are arousing the understanding and support from the international community which aspire after justice, consciousness and justness.

The Korean National Peace Committee wishes that the all the participants of the World Peace Congress, with fair attitude and deep attention to the issue of providing peace and security on the Korean peninsula, would extend support to the Korean people in their struggle to put an end to the history of tensions and confrontation, bring about constant peace on the Korean peninsula and make active contributions for peace and security in the Northeast Asia region and of the world.

We wish success of the Congress.

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