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Seventieth year**Letter dated 21 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative
of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued on 16 December 2015 by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regarding the position of the United States of America against the positive and sincere efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to ensure lasting peace on the Korean peninsula (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Ja Song Nam**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 21 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea warns the US of unimaginable consequences to be entailed by its persistent hostile policy towards the DPRK

Pyongyang, 16 December — A spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea released the statement below on 16 December 2015 in connection with the fact that the DPRK Government's positive and sincere efforts for ensuring solid and lasting peace on the Korean peninsula are facing blatant challenge by the US.

The DPRK proposed that the US side conclude a peace treaty as the most reasonable way for putting an end to the evil cycle of tension and confrontation that has lasted for more than six decades.

It is urging the conclusion of the peace treaty with the US in order to put an end to the hostile policy towards the former by the latter, the root cause of all problems.

It is a clear reason everybody can understand and sympathize with that lasting peace and stability are possible on the Korean peninsula only when the hostile policy of the US towards the DPRK is brought to an end and hostile relations between them are defused.

Nevertheless, the US is responding to the DPRK's fair and above board proposal by elaborating in action on its hostile policy already branded a "failed strategy", far from taking a sincere approach towards the proposal.

A typical example is its recent ever more reckless moves to ratchet up sanctions against the DPRK.

It is putting the armed forces, munitions and trade organs of the DPRK and their officials, and even diplomats of the DPRK, on the list of sanctions. Lurking behind this action is a sinister political intention to tarnish the international image of the DPRK, to make other countries feel uneasy about dealing with it and thus to suffocate its overall economy, including the munitions industry and the civilian field.

The US authorities claim that they have no hostile intent towards the DPRK whenever an opportunity presents itself but they are behaving quite contrary to their words.

The US is so steeped in ill-intended repugnancy towards the DPRK that it has completely lost sense of reality and is going reckless, unaware of who its rival is.

The US row about sanctions would only heighten the spirit of self-reliance and increase the strenuous efforts among the workers in the field of the munitions industry of the DPRK and boost the proportion of locally available raw and other materials in its munitions industry.

If the US persistently pursues its anachronistic hostile policy towards the DPRK in this way, this would only entail unimaginable consequences quite contrary to what the US desires.
