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**Letter dated 16 May 2019 from the Permanent Representative of  
the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

I address this letter to you with regard to the incident of dispossession of the cargo ship *Wise Honest* of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Recently, the United States committed an unlawful and outrageous act of taking the DPRK's cargo ship to Samoa (United States), linking the ship to the violation of the American domestic law, and this act of dispossession has clearly indicated that the United States is indeed a gangster country that does not care at all about international laws.

Unilateral sanctions, such as the anti-DPRK "Sanctions Act" based on the United States domestic law, which the United States has employed as a ground of dispossession of the ship, are defined as an illegal act going against the Charter of the United Nations and the international laws, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, and it is also a universally recognized principle of international law that in no case can a sovereign state be an object of jurisdiction of other countries.

Moreover, the United States committed a sovereignty-infringing act of flagrantly violating the Charter of the United Nations by dispossessing the cargo ship where the DPRK's sovereignty is fully exercised.

Since international concern is growing more than ever over the likely impact to be brought to the situation of the Korean Peninsula by the heinous act of the United States, I believe that the Secretary-General of the United Nations is requested to take urgent measures as a way of contributing to the stability of the Korean Peninsula and proving the impartiality of the United Nations.

We will follow actions to be taken by the United Nations.

Furthermore, I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex, a statement of the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the



Democratic People's Republic of Korea dated 14 May 2019, attached to the present letter, circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 66, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Kim Song**  
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**Annex to the letter dated 16 May 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Statement of the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea dated 14 May 2019**

The United States committed an unlawful and outrageous act of dispossessing our cargo ship by forcibly taking it to Samoa (U.S.), linking the ship to the “sanctions resolutions” of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and its domestic “sanctions acts”, all being imposed against the DPRK.

The UNSC “sanctions resolutions” on the DPRK, which the U.S. has employed as one of the grounds for its dispossession of our cargo ship, have flagrantly infringed upon the sovereignty of our state, and therefore, we have categorically rejected and condemned the whole of them all along.

Moreover, the United States' impudent act of forcing other countries into observance of its domestic law is indeed a wanton violation of the universally accepted international laws which make clear that in no case can a sovereign state be an object of jurisdiction of other countries.

The latest U.S. act constitutes an extension of the American method of calculation for bringing the DPRK to its knees by means of “maximum pressure” and an outright denial of the underlying spirit of the June 12 DPRK-U.S. Joint Statement that has committed to establish new bilateral relations.

The U.S. should ponder over the consequences its heinous act might have on the future developments and immediately return our ship.

The time when the U.S. held sway over the world at its own free will is gone long ago, and it would be a biggest miscalculation if the U.S. thought that the DPRK is among the countries where the American-style logic of “strength” might work for.

We will carefully watch every move of the United States hereafter.

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