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the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a press statement of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations dated 3 July 2019 (see annex) with regard to a letter circulated to all permanent missions to the United Nations by the United States jointly with the United Kingdom, France and Germany, urging implementation of the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolutions" of the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 66, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations



Annex to the letter dated 3 July 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Press statement of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations dated 3 July 2019

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to the United Nations issues the following press statement with regard to the letter circulated to all Permanent Missions to the UN by the United States together with the United Kingdom, France and Germany, urging implementation of the anti-DPRK "Sanctions Resolutions" of the United Nations Security Council.

As already known, the United States together with 23 countries sent a letter to the 1718 Sanctions Committee of the UNSC on 18 June, demanding an urgent measure under the absurd pretext of "excess in the amount of refined petroleum imported." As the letter failed to work in its favour, the United States along with the UK, France and Germany circulated a joint letter to all Permanent Missions to the UN on 29 June, calling for repatriation of the DPRK workers abroad, thus inciting an atmosphere of sanctions and pressure against the DPRK.

The joint letter is no less than an overt pressure upon the UN Member States, urging them to implement the "Sanctions Resolutions" against the DPRK. It speaks to the reality that the United States is practically more and more hell-bent on the hostile acts against the DPRK, though talking about the DPRK-U.S. dialogue.

What can't be overlooked is the fact that this joint letter game was carried out by the Permanent Mission of the United States to the UN under the instruction of the State Department, on the very same day when President Trump proposed for the summit meeting.

It is quite ridiculous for the United States to continue to behave obsessed with sanctions and pressure campaign against the DPRK, considering sanctions as a panacea for all problems.

As we stated on several occasions, we do not thirst for lifting of sanctions.

All UN Member States will have to keep vigilance against deliberate attempts by the United States to undermine the peaceful atmosphere that has been created on the Korean Peninsula in no easy way.
