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Identical letters dated 9 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you that we have already stigmatized the "human rights document" circulated by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as an anti-Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) showdown document featuring concoctions and fabrications, falsehoods and deception, as well as an extremely political provocation against the DPRK and, as such, totally rejected it.

The report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations cannot be construed otherwise than a reproduction of such a "human rights document" and an indication of sinister political motive.

The way how genuine human rights are protected and promoted in our country is vindicated by proactive measures taken by our State in order to guard the life and property of the people against a flurry of typhoons, torrential rains and floods and bring the livelihood of flood victims back to normal as early as possible.

Any "human rights issue" cannot exist from the very beginning in our State where people are highly regarded as true masters of the State and society and most valuable beings and, accordingly, any attempt to argue on "the issue" itself does not stand to reason.

On top of it, what cannot be overlooked is that the United Nations mandated to protect the life of humankind against the big scourge of the global virus pandemic has viciously found fault with our pre-emptive and stringent anti-epidemic steps while making absurd and paradoxical remarks such as "limit to freedom of movement" or "worsening of food situation" in contravention of its Charter and mandate.

The fact that the United Nations persistently ignores human rights problems worldwide, such as heinous racial discrimination, and viciously accuses the DPRK of "human rights issues" while dancing to the tune of hostile forces is a typical example of selectivity and double standard in the human rights sector.

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It is recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations no longer allow his name to be misused in any mean document which is devoid of impartiality, objectivity and equity and aimed at politically motivated provocation and take necessary steps with due attention to preventing OHCHR from siding with the sinister plots of the United States and other hostile forces.

I have the further honour to inform you that I have also sent an identical letter to the President-elect of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72.

(Signed) Kim Song Ambassador Permanent Representative