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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Kim Song, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations at IGN meeting on the agenda item of "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters"**

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Co-Chairs,

The DPRK delegation would like to clarify its position with regard to the Security Council reform as follows.

Firstly, the Security Council reform should be directed towards ensuring impartiality, objectivity and democracy.

When we raise a question of whether the Security Council is truly responsible and carry out its mandate successfully enshrined in the UN Charter, the answer is far from our expectation as we see the realities of its activities.

Today, the Security Council is being turned into an unfair and irresponsible body where the sovereignty of independent states is wantonly violated, double standards are extremely applied and injustice

and high-handedness are rampant.

The Security Council is not a political instrument with which some big powers decide at their own wills the international justice and the destiny of sovereign states with the yardstick of double standards on the basis of their interests and priorities.

Impartiality and objectivity is lifeline of the Security Council in its activities.

Therefore, the principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity should be thoroughly observed in all activities of the Security Council.

Secondly, the Security Council reform must be carried out based on the principle of consensus.

The Security Council reform should be in process driven by whole member states based on the consensus and transparent manner.

In order to build extensive consensus, it is imperative to conduct equal-footed consultation and in-depth discussion on the platform of the IGN.

The upcoming IGN will discuss specific proposals on reform. But we should stick to decision 62/557 of the GA and seek a package solution on the five clusters of key issues as they are inter-linked.

Any approach of setting a deadline for negotiation, formulating a single negotiating text and taking a piecemeal manner will only trigger confrontation and undermine solidarity among member states.

Thirdly, The Security Council should be reformed on the principles of full representation of the developing countries.

Current composition of the Security Council does not reflect the reality in which the UN family is increased mostly with developing countries.

Therefore, it is clear that developing countries which hold majority of the UN membership should be duly represented in the Security Council.

Lastly, the international community should never tolerate any attempt or initiative of Japan to be a member of permanent seat at the Security Council.

Japan is an A-class war criminal state that invaded many Asian countries and committed heinous crimes against humanity that go beyond any imagination, thus Japan is listed on the UN Charter under the shameful term of the enemy state.

But Japan does not admit its past crimes and rather beautifies its criminal history.

It is nothing but mockery against international community and defilement on the UN Charter to admit Japan that had committed A-class war crimes against humanity as a permanent member state of the Security Council.

To conclude Co-chairs, the DPRK delegation wishes you the best success with sincere and protracted efforts for comprehensive

democratic reform of the Security Council in a most equivalent and balanced way as all expected and assures our strong continued commitment to this important matter.

I thank you.