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Statement of the Spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry

(Pyongyang, April 4, 1994)

The United Nations Security Council called upon the DPRK to accept an unreasonable additional inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency in a "presidential statement" on March 31 imposing an unjustifiable demand upon the DPRK.

Our "nuclear issue" is, by nature, not a topic for discussion at the UN Security Council. We have already undergone inspection of our nuclear facilities, which was enough for the continuity of safeguards, as agreed with the United States and the IAEA. There is no room for doubt in this regard.

Conflicting views, if any, in the course of the inspection, should have been solved on all accounts between the IAEA which was actually responsible for the inspection and the country which was the object of inspection.

Nevertheless, the UN Security Council hurriedly put on the agenda and discussed the inspection of the DPRK and adopted a "presidential statement". Why? Clear is the reason.

Out of its hostile policy of stifling the DPRK, the United States needed a forum of political debate, that is, the UN Security Council, and had to create an excuse for pressure like a "presidential statement".

It is obviously contrary to the purpose and principle of the UN Charter that the UN Security Council whose mission is to guarantee world peace and security discussed our issue on the basis of the unreasonable and prejudiced "conclusion" of the board of governors of the IAEA that the "scope of noncompliance with the safeguards agreement has expanded."

It is the present-day reality in which the United States and some western forces which regard our socialist system as a thorn in their flesh can freely have International organisations at their beck and call, if necessary, in order to do harm to small countries like ours. No one can deny this.

If the UN Security Council is truly to discharge its mission, it should take issue with the United States which is gravely threatening peace and security of the Korean peninsula with huge nuclear weapons, laying obstacles to the solution of the nuclear issue, and the south Korean authorities, its henchmen.

It must not go unnoticed that the UN Security Council unreasonably took issue with the DPRK over its peaceful nuclear activities, while turning a blind eye to the countries which are hell bent on a dangerous nuclear gambling under the patronage of the United States.

This shows that the UN Security Council is playing into the hands of the United States in executing the latter's hostile policy of stifling the DPRK, applying double standards.

This time the UN Security Council sympathized with the United States' hostile policy against the DPRK by including the question of compliance with the safeguards agreement in the "presidential statement, disregarding the essence of our "nuclear issue" on purpose.

The effect of the safeguards agreement has virtually been at a standstill from the moment when the DPRK temporarily suspended the effectuation of its withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) for talks between the DPRK and the United States.

It is out of the desire to prove the transparency of our nuclear activities that we have so far undergone only inspection for the continuity of safeguards as a well-favored, voluntary step. This was an inspection conforming to our special status.

As they could not deny this fact, the United States and the IAEA agreed to the DPRK-proposed inspection restricted to one for the continuity of safeguards, not routine and ad hoc inspections of us pursuant to the safeguards agreement.

The: call for compliance with the safeguards agreement and additional inspection, therefore, does not make sense at all for the DPRK now in a publicly recognized special status.

We do not say an empty word. We have consistently maintained the steadfast policy of independence and correct lines in external relations and never changed our once clarified position.

The UNSC should first take a measure to set right the unreasonable act of the IAEA Secretariat in expanding the scope of partiality against us, kowtowing to big countries, before demanding an additional inspection of us.

The IAEA Secretariat must make a due apology for its acts in further widening the scope of partiality, openly joining force with the United States in its intrigues against the DPRK.

We will surely call the IAEA Secretariat to account for expanding partiality against us stage by stage, instead of making an apology.

Now, the United States is becoming all the more undisguised in its moves to step up a campaign for international pressure on our Republic by setting in motion the board of governors of the IAEA and the UNSC. It has gone the length of creating an extreme environment for military pressure, threatening to resume "Team Spirit" joint military exercises and "make no scruple of a second Korean war." Facts patently prove that the United States has no intention to solve the nuclear issue but chiefly seeks the aim of executing its hostile policy of stifling the DPRK by deliberately straining the situation on the: Korean peninsula.

The south Korean authorities, too, following them, are trying to resume nuclear war exercises in league with the nuclear state against us at any cost, while continually shipping in nuclear weapons and putting spurs on their own nuclear development. This virtually shows that the: south Korean authorities have no regard for the "Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" but are taking the criminal road of nullifying it.

Since the United States has opted the one-sided way to put pressure on us, reversing all its commitments with us, we could not but normalize our peaceful nuclear activities unilaterally frozen for the DPRK-USA talks.

The United States and the south Korean authorities are intending to escalate the campaign for pressure on us with the UNSC "presidential statement" as the starting-point, but it can never work with us.

The more desperately the United States and its followers try to stifle the socialist system of our own style, the more immensely the might of the singlehearted unity of our Party, people and People's Army will increase.

It is our unshakable will and policy to answer strength with strength, dialogue with dialogue. The United States' hostile policy of stifling the DPRK is sure to end in failure. Consistent is our stand to seek a peaceful solution of the nuclear issue. -0-