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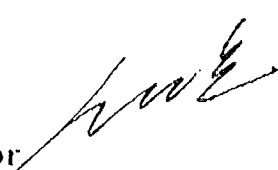
Excellency,

With reference to your letter dated 5th February 2010, I have the honor to send the position paper of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the Security Council Reform for inclusion in a negotiation text.

I would like to reiterate the DPRK's support for your efforts to achieve a meaningful reform of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sin Son Ho
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



H.E. Mr. Zahir Tanin
Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic
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Chair of the international negotiations on the Security Council Reform

Position Paper of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the UN Security Council Reform

Introduction

No progress has been achieved even after the passage of 16 years since the beginning of the deliberations on the Security Council reform.

Imbalanced composition, unfair activities, and highhanded and arbitrary working methods of the Security Council remain unchanged and rather, become ever more serious.

The Security Council used to take up the issues outside of its mandates while specific countries do not hesitate to abuse the Council for their political purposes, seriously undermining its credibility before the international society.

In particular, the abuses of the Security Council have taken place, in the majority of instances, for the execution of the US hostile policy on the DPRK.

A clear example of them is, among others, the adoption by the Security Council of its presidential statement "condemning" the DPRK's satellite launch alone among those launches of the same kind by other countries.

Acts of treating the developing countries in an unjust manner and imposing coercive measures such as sanctions should be brought to an end without further delay.

Specific Proposals

The composition of the Security Council should be expanded on the basis of a principle of ensuring full representation of the Non-Aligned and developing countries. To achieve this purpose, a total number of the enlarged council members should be no less than 26.

Since the agreement on the permanent category enlargement is unlikely due to serious confrontation among members, the only realistic way is to expand the non permanent category first.

If the permanent category were expanded, new seats should be given to African region and other developing countries as the first priority. A country like Japan refusing the settlement of extra-large past crimes by all means should be off the list.

The DPRK reiterates its firm position of rejecting any reform proposal presupposing Japan's permanent membership.

Improving the Security Council working methods is an integral part of the reform process and therefore, needs surely achieved.

For a genuine Security Council reform, we should set it as the ultimate reform goal to ensure fairness and transparency in the Security Council activities.