Delegation from Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Position Paper for the General Assembly

The topics to be discussed in the United Nations (UN) General Assembly (GA) are: I. The Role of Emerging Technologies in International Security and Disarmament, II. Improving Mechanisms for Accountability and Transparency within the UN System and III. Intensification of Efforts to Eliminate All Forms of Violence against Women. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea acknowledges the importance of all three topics and we are looking forward to constructive discussions in the General Assembly. Notwithstanding this, we think that topic II is the most important, so we propose to discuss topic II first followed by topics I and III.

I. The Role of Emerging Technologies in International Security and Disarmament

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea believes that new technologies have an important role when it comes to international security. We have already shown in 1994 when we supported GA Resolution 49/67 "*Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security"* that we consider this topic of high significance. Further on, we have welcomed GA Resolution 72/28 *"Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament"* in 2017. "*Independence, peace and friendship are the basic ideals of the foreign policy […] of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*", is written in Article 17 of the *Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*. We are constantly working on keeping up the good and peaceful relations to all our neighbouring countries, and we are especially committed to keep up the spirit of friendship on the Korean peninsula. Though, we must face the constant threats of imperialism and have to be prepared against any attempts to conquer our beloved nation, like it happened before. Therefore, we must be able to defend ourselves. Nevertheless, we must stress that "Peace secured by slavish submission is not peace" as it was stated by our Eternal Leader of Juche Korea Kim Il Sung. Because of this, for the Democratic People's Republic it is of utmost importance that the responsibility for international security and disarmament lies solely within the independent states without any foreign imperialistic interference. This also includes the unjustified sanctions against our peace-loving nation, enacted by the UN Security Council starting with Resolution 1718 in 2006. We do not believe that through such oppressive measures, international security and disarmament can be achieved. Such actions only lead to an impression of being threatened and do thus not contribute to the process of gaining international security. Additionally, with this, our state is denied the opportunity to participate in the development of new technologies to contribute towards this cause. Moreover, the influence on international security through technology from capitalistic companies must be limited as they might have only their own benefits and profits in mind and might do not care about the wellbeing and safety of the people. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea will oppose any Resolution that in anyway interferes with its sovereignty and independence. We suggest condemning all kinds of oppression by imperialistic state like for example sanctions or embargos. They are hindering peaceful nations to participate in the achievement of international security. Nonetheless, we are looking forward to the discussion in the General Assembly and to hear other nations opinions.

II. Improving Mechanisms for Accountability and Transparency within the UN System

Since the United Nations, as we see it, are still under a heavy influence of imperialistic countries, who constantly trying to subjugate our nation, this topic is of high importance. As long as this situation continues, we can hardly believe in a transparent UN. We have welcomed the decision of the General Assembly in its Resolution 63/276 in 2009 *"Accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework"* to strengthen the authority of the Member States concerning accountability of the Secretariat of the UN and urging the Secretary-General to respect the rights of the Member States. The accountability to the Member States should be the first priority. As one of the main principles of the UN is the equality of all Member States, it should be accountable to all Member States equally, whilst not being influenced by a minority of certain States. Unfortunately, we see that some nations trying to use this institution for their own benefits, and to oppress countries who do not share their ideology. Therefore, it is important, that all decisions by any

entity of the United Nations are transparent to the Member States. Otherwise, it could happen that the faith in the UN is lost, and this would cause great damage. Furthermore, we cannot allow private capitalistic corporations to influence decisions of the UN or Member States, as they are only accountable to their stakeholders and not to the prosperity of the citizens. For that we need transparency especially concerning the financing of UN entities which includes where the funding comes from, and how much influence do the financers have. His Excellency the Eternal General Secretary of the Party Kim Jong Il stated that "Imperialist aid is a noose of plunder and subjugation, aimed at robbing 10 and even 100 things for one thing that is given." So, we must always be careful which intention stands behind any offer of help from an imperialistic state. For this we need transparency in the UN System to prevent a misuse of power an exploitation of other states. History has shown the consequences of high imperialistic influence over other people, and we do not want anyone to experience this again. Though, the approach has changed, as nowadays there is more influence generated through capitalistic methods than through direct control. Thus, we want to assure that such efforts do not succeed. Consequently, we need full transparency of all actions taken in the United Nations to unveil any attempt of imperialistic nations to exploit others. So, we are calling upon all Member States to reveal any attempt of abuse of influence or misuse of power, so that we can counter such attempts. Therefore, we want to set up the Commission to Combat Exploitation (CCE), an independent institution to oversee the funding of organizations within the UN to prevent attempts mentioned before. If this can be achieved, that would be a great step to a more equal and better working system in the United Nations.

III. Intensification of Efforts to Eliminate All Forms of Violence against Women

"Our women's union members and other women are really excellent and praiseworthy". These are the words of our Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un. It shows that we have realized since long time ago the important role women play in our society. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea welcomed General Assembly Resolution 69/147 in 2014 entitled "*Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls*". We are happy to see that it focused on the work on state level, but we have to stress that this must be done carefully, as we cannot support any infringement of national sovereignty of independent states. It is our duty to protect women rights and prevent all kinds of violence against them, as we love and protect all our citizens. It is also stated in Art. 77 of the *Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea* that "Women are accorded an equal social status and rights with men" and "The State shall provide all conditions for a woman to play a full role in society". Thereby it is clear that we are constitutionally committed to the protection and equality of women. We are calling upon all Member States to promote the protection of women and girls. It is our opinion that most of the violence against women derives from old role models that have no room in our classless society. As it is the foundation principle of *Juche* "One for all and all for one" violence against one part of our population will never be tolerated and in fact eliminated in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. We always strive for national self-reliance through the principles of *jaju* ("independence"), *jarip* ("national economy") and *jawi* ("self-defence"). To all our loyal citizens it is obvious, that if a nation strives for these ideals, it cannot allow violence or injustice towards one gender. Everyone is important in our society to do their part in promoting and realizing *Juche*. If every nation would have a cause like this there would be no gender-based violence anymore, since everybody reaches for the same goals and they are united. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea would gladly share the ideas of *Juche* to help other nations achieving the national unity we enjoy. Nevertheless, we are interested in the ideas of other nations, and we eager to participate in the discussions in the General Assembly.