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Madame President,

First of all, allow me to express my gratitude to Your Excellency President and the Parliament of the Republic of Uzbekistan for sincere efforts made to ensure the successful holding of this Assembly and also for the warm hospitality extended to us.

Today, the realization of social development and genuine justice is the universal goal of parliament of each country, and the role of parliament in this endeavor is also on the increase day by day.

In recent years, however, national sovereignty of many countries is being violated and wars and armed conflicts give rise to pains, miseries and despair of people.

This reality calls for united efforts and capacity-building of parliaments on a global scale in ensuring genuine social development and justice.

I expect this Assembly to be both timely and significant forum in realizing the people's aspiration for independence and ideals through the in-depth debate about the action plans and methodology of the parliaments for social development and justice.

Dear delegates,

For nearly eight decades, the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK has set it as its principle of activities and goal to build a people-centered society where our people's ideal of independence is perfectly realized.

To this end, it has maintained as its political ideal to make devoted efforts for the people by embodying their feelings and demands in overall activities including the legislation and supervision of law enforcement in conformity with the actual situation of the country.

Realization of the people's demands and interests should be regarded as the most important state affair and nothing should be spared for the people though it means spending of

large sums of money and even the entirety of national funds.

This is the will of Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, President of the State Affairs of the DPRK.

The most evident and current examples are the new regional development policy and programme for rural construction which have been identified and adopted as law on the personal initiative and detailed instruction of Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, President of the State Affairs at several sessions of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly.

The essence of our state's new regional development policy and new programme for rural construction is to bridge the gap between the urban and rural areas and between the capital city and provinces in all aspects so as to make all the people across the country equally lead an affluent and civilized life.

From the perspective of social development, these are grand plans to consolidate the basis of people's feelings towards our social system and develop our socialist system which embodies the Juche idea by leaps.

In other words, it can be said to be a great revolution of opening a new era of overall national prosperity as it is a momentous decision our state has never made since its founding.

Firmly united behind Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, President of the State Affairs by patriotism, our people will surely tide over all sorts of hardships and build a civilized and affluent socialist power where the self-respect and prosperity are surely ensured and the most righteous and people-oriented ideals are fully embodied.

Dear delegates,

As being witnessed by all of us, the rights to existence and development of nation-states are being trampled underfoot across the globe and peaceful people are falling into victims of disastrous wars and disasters due to the arbitrariness of the U.S. to put the whole world into the sphere of their interests.

Being swayed by the high-handedness of the imperialist and dominationist forces, the international laws, the cornerstone of state relations, fail to meet their intrinsic goals and missions though those were enacted with the aim of respecting territories of every country and sovereignty of each nation and defending the global peace and security.

It is the same story for some international organizations.

For each and every country and nation, the achievement of social development, justice, and happy life of the people is dependent upon the national defense capability which can ensure national sovereignty and security. This is the lesson taught by the history and reality.

In the present world, marked by the ceaseless armed conflicts, the countries which gave up the self-defense can neither realize the genuine justice and social development nor avoid the scourge of aggression.

The possession of overwhelming war deterrent by our state to cope with the security threats from hostile states led by the U.S. serves as the sovereign right and exercise of

legitimate right to self-defense for maintaining the balance of power in the Korean peninsula and defend genuine justice and peace.

We will never overlook the infringement of our national sovereignty and security under any circumstance. We will never do the act of deteriorating the military balance with our own hands.

We will continue to take resolute actions for eliminating all sorts of military threats to our state and people. With ceaseless development of national defense capability and exercise of legitimate right to self-defense, we will definitely contain and frustrate the intention of hostile forces to use military force.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to extend deep gratitude to various countries for their support to and solidarity with our state's policy and righteous struggle of our people for defending national sovereignty and creating happiness of the people.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK will continue to make active efforts for the development of relations with parliaments of countries friendly to us.

I thank you.