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**STATEMENT
BY HEAD OF DELEGATION OF DPRK
AT THE PLENARY OF 138TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IPU**

Mr. Chairman,

I think it very much timely that this Assembly has set as its theme “strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees; the need for evidence-based policy solutions around the world”, as this year marks the 70th anniversary of adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Issue of migrants and refugees has now become a serious and urgent international problem.

The number of global refugees including especially from Middle East and Africa is nearing 70 million, and serious phenomena emerge where the migrants and refugees are ignored and rejected.

On the other hand, international society is injecting enormous input into humanitarian assistance, provision of living conditions and jobs, and safe and orderly migration and repatriation of immigrants.

There are also countries working for tighter border control and mutual collaboration aimed at preventing incessant huge influx of refugees.

But, I wonder if these efforts alone will be enough to address the problem.

The catastrophic refugee crisis of today is the product of ever more undisguised aggression and intervention by the U.S. and Western countries which are engaged in toppling the independent states and fuelling the flames of disputes and conflicts by resorting to deceptive “war on terror” and “color

revolution”.

Even at this moment, many countries are suffering from humanitarian crisis, and innocent people are leaving their loving homes due to harsh sanctions and blockade enforced by the U.S. and Western countries.

The U.S. and Western countries, talking about “universal equality” and “protection of human rights” louder than anybody else, are ignoring, discriminating and even insulting migrants and refugees who are wandering about in search of means of living. This is an indisputable evidence of chauvinism and racism against other countries and nations.

The reality speaks of itself that putting an end to racism and national chauvinism of the U.S. and Western countries and to all aggressions and sanctions undermining peace and stability of sovereign states is central to addressing the underlying cause of migrant and refugee issue, a global serious problem.

It is the consistent position of the DPRK to build a just and peaceful new world, free from aggression and war, and inequality and racial discrimination.

Preventing war and safeguarding peace on the Korean peninsula is now an urgent issue directly related to ensuring peace and sustainable development of Northeast Asia and also the rest of the world.

For the DPRK which has made a dignified rise to the world political and ideological power, military power, the most important is economic development and improvement of people’s life, and this badly requires a peaceful environment.

Peace and security of the Korean peninsula is a vital issue related to the destiny of our nation and a prerequisite of national reunification.

That we took the initiatives for thawing the frozen inter-Korean relations and

accordingly, dispatched high-level delegation, art troupe and cheering group to the 23rd Winter Olympics has flown from our noble patriotism and peace-defending will.

The respected Supreme Leader Comrade Kim Jong Un, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, affirmed at the meeting with the members of delegation of the special envoy of south Korean president who visited Pyongyang on March 5 that it is his firm will to vigorously advance the inter-Korean relations and write a new history of national reunification by the concerted efforts of our nation to be proud of in the world.

Our sincere and proactive efforts for improving the inter-Korean relations and ensuring peace and stability on the Korean peninsula are now enjoying broad spectrum of support and positive response from the international society.

Aspiration for inter-Korean dialogue and collaboration and for reunification has now become a trend of the times which nothing can block.

Now is the high time to put an end to the U.S. anachronistic anti-DPRK hostile policy and its futile moves of sanctions and pressure

Our principled position to resolve all issues through dialogue and negotiation remains consistent.

The United States should properly understand our position and come out in a manner of sincere and serious attitude for positively contributing to maintaining peace and stability on the Korean peninsula

We will make active efforts to ensure peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and safeguard the socialist system of our own style, a foundation of our people's happy life, and also to expand and develop country's external relations under the idea of independence, peace and friendship.

I express my conviction that parliaments of all countries which are cherishing

justice and peace will extend strong support and solidarity to the peace-loving efforts of the DPRK.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.