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Mr. Chairman,

Let me first congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the First Committee.

I am fully confident that your wisdom and diplomatic skills will guide our deliberations to a fruitful outcome.

Mr. Chairman,

The aspirations and desire of the humankind aspiring for a new just and peaceful century are still confronted with grave challenges.

Unilateralism based on the supremacy of power ruthlessly destroys the norms and order of international relations.

What can not be overlooked, moreover, is that weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons leveled at sovereign States are deployed throughout the world, and the theory of preemptive nuclear strikes is now being put into action with the development of new types of nuclear weapons being accelerated with a blitz.

36 years ago, the nuclear-weapon States committed themselves to abolishing their nuclear weapons while underlining the nuclear non-proliferation. That was a source that has enabled the NPT to be maintained so far.

However, the nuclear superpower has been developing new types of nuclear weapons and even expanding the nuclear arms race into a space far from the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The advent of new types of space weapons such as satellite radar weapons in pursuit of National Missile Defence System is casting dark clouds of nuclear arms race predicting the possibility of a new space war.

In essence the nuclear superpower abused the NPT in order to achieve its "absolute security" by threatening and blackmailing non-nuclear weapon States with nuclear weapons at the cost of their security.
It can not be acceptable to anyone that, one advocates the nuclear non-proliferation, while accumulating nuclear weapons in a corner of the globe and seeking its qualitative improvement.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to achieve the substantial disarmament and ensure a lasting peace on the earth, the international community should set primary tasks attributable to the solution of the issue on the basis of the precise analysis.

My delegation is of the view that the core issue of the disarmament is nuclear disarmament and the fundamental task in achieving the nuclear disarmament is the real abandonment by the nuclear superpower of its policy on nuclear threats.

At present, the main cause destroying the international peace and security, and having serious impacts over the disarmament process is no other than the nuclear power's policy on nuclear threats based on the high-handedness and unilateralism.

Countries are designated as "axis of evil" and "targets for preemptive nuclear strikes" and the unilateral military attacks against sovereign States are perpetrated under the pretext of "suspicion over the possession of weapons of mass destruction".

It is nothing but an artificial pretext to realize the policy of nuclear threat of a nuclear superpower aimed at controlling the world by maintaining the nuclear supremacy and nuclear threats. The development in Iraq proves it.

The substantial and grave threat of weapons of mass destruction endangering the international peace and security comes from no other than the nuclear superpower, the largest nuclear arsenal and the biggest gun exporter.

If the international community attaches an importance to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and does not want the existing international agreements on disarmament to be nullified or weakened, it should address the policy on nuclear threat of the nuclear superpower and take the realistic measures to eliminate it.
Pursuing the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction while turning a blind eye on the essence of the issue constitutes an escape from reality and an evade from responsibility.

It is the consistent position of the DPRK to oppose the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

If proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is to be prevented, it is necessary, first of all, to prohibit the deployment of weapons of mass destruction including nuclear weapons in many places of the world and eliminate the nuclear threat such as "the doctrine of nuclear preemptive use".

Furthermore it requires the cessation of qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and the realization of complete dismantling of nuclear weapons.

Only when nuclear disarmament accompanied by the abolishment of nuclear weapons is realized can the objective of disarmament be said to have been attained. The nuclear disarmament should therefore be the primary mission in order to ensure the complete elimination of use of nuclear weapons and their total abolishment and provision of unconditional nuclear negative assurances for non-nuclear weapon States.

It would be inappropriate to refer to any disarmament as long as there are nuclear weapons on this planet and nuclear arms race continues and the efforts of the United Nations to set up a "collective security system" can not bring about due results.

If the brigandish doctrine that the only big countries can have nuclear weapons and use them to attack or threat small countries is connived at or tollerated there won't be any essential change in the international order.

Mr. Chairman,

The nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula, the international focus of today, is the outcome of the US policy on nuclear threats based on its deep-rooted hostile policy toward the DPRK which has lasted for more than half a century.
If the US had not listed the DPRK as an "axis of evil" and "target of nuclear preemptive strikes" and thus aggravated situation the question of our nuclear deterrence would have not been arisen.

It is the consistent position of the DPRK to adhere to the objective of the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and resolve the nuclear issue peacefully through dialogue and negotiations.

The government of the DPRK recently advanced flexible proposals to break through the current deadlock of DPRK-US nuclear issue and achieve realistic results proceeding from its sincere desire to contribute to the peace and security on the Korean peninsula, in the northeast Asia as well as the rest of the world.

Our proposal of "reward for freeze", the first-phased action of the package solution based on the principle of simultaneous action, is the only way to settle the nuclear issue on a step-by-step basis as it reflects fully the reality at which no confidence prevails between the DPRK and the United States.

If the United States commits itself to dropping its hostile policy toward the DPRK and directly takes measures to reward for freeze on the principle of "word to word" and "action to action", the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula will be resolved smoothly.

The DPRK will make its utmost to remove external threats and ensure a lasting peace on the Korean peninsula in the future too.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.