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Address by the Representative of the Workers' Party of Korea at the 23rd International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties

Dear Comrades,

First of all, please allow me to extend a heartfelt gratitude to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, the host of the 23rd IMCWP, for their sincere efforts to ensure successful progress of this meeting which will undoubtedly make a significant contribution to the development of the world socialist movement.

I would also like to convey warm and militant greetings from the members of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and the Korean people to the Communist and Workers' Parties and to the progressive people who are fighting with vigor, perseverance and a firm conviction for the victory of socialism to realize the independence of the working people amid the fast-changing international political situation and despite all kinds of challenges threatening the existence of humankind.

Comrades,

In this day and age, the showdown between progressive and reactionary forces, between socialism and imperialism in the international arena is becoming ever more acute. This meeting held at such time with the agenda to strengthen political and ideological struggle to mobilize broad popular masses for the fight to oppose imperialism and safeguard socialism has an important meaning.

Today, the ruling system of imperialism is faced with complete breakdown as the revolutionary advance of the masses of working people aspiring after independence and justice is getting ever more brisk, and newly emerging powers are making rapid political, economic and military developments.

Gripped by a feeling of extreme crisis caused by the downfall of their hegemonic position, the imperialist forces are resorting to high-handed and arbitrary means to enforce upon the international society, the logic of inter-bloc confrontation based on the Cold War mentality and re-installment of the Western-led "unipolar world" order. This is causing great opposition on the part of the countries and people who desire independence and multipolar world.

Most of the developing countries denounce the exploitative financial and economic system of the imperialists, which have accumulated wealth for centuries through unilateral infiltration and subjugating policies against other countries, and they are working to establish a new international economic order while strengthening mutual solidarity and cooperation; this is further accelerating the decay and ruin of capitalism.

History has confirmed that the socialist and communist ideology is the only and the most righteous ideology in realizing the working people's ideal of independence, and the validity and vitality of the socialist ideology, embodying the popular masses' centuries-old desire, will be more vividly demonstrated in the 21st century as it did in the 20th century.

The present situation demands that the Communist and Workers' parties actively inform the working masses of the reactionary nature of capitalism and the inevitability of its downfall, and of the superiority of socialism and the certainty of its victory, and arouse them to the struggle for independence and justice, peace and development.

Comrades,

Today, under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, the WPK is being strengthened and developed into the powerful political General Staff and steel-like vanguard organization that vigorously leads the socialist cause to realize the independence of the popular masses.

The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** has put forward the 5 point line of party building in the new era which is to build our Party that is politically mature, organizationally solid, ideologically pure, strict in discipline and sound in work-style, and energetically led the work to strengthen and develop our party; thanks to his efforts, our Party has been able to greatly enhance its leadership and fighting efficiency in the recent years.

Despite unprecedented challenges and trials, our Party is dynamically leading the struggle to achieve comprehensive development and overall prosperity in the building of socialism, always remaining faithful to the Party's intrinsic mission of serving the people with devotion and regarding the provision of happy life to our people as the matter of utmost importance.

At the 7th and 8th plenary meetings of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK held this year, we discussed and decided on important policy matters to faithfully achieve far-reaching objectives for national prosperity as well as substantial plans to put the overall socialist economy of the country onto the track of stable and sustainable development within a few years, while holding aloft the invariable banner of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in economy and self-reliance in defense.

Under the Party's leadership, nationwide efforts are being directed into the essential issues into solving the pressing problems in the people's livelihood, including the development of agriculture and light industry and the construction of dwelling houses, and the 5 year plan for national economic development put forward at the 8th Congress of the WPK is being correctly implemented stage by stage.

Through the struggle to implement the decisions adopted at the plenary meetings of the Central Committee, our people have hardened their conviction that the leadership of the WPK is science and so is its victory.

Today, with the high spirit of having celebrated the 75th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War as great political festivals of victors, our people are stepping up the general onward march to bring the battle of this meaningful year to a successful conclusion.

Our Party will continue to lead vigorously the building of socialism of our own style into a new phase of constant development, while firmly adhering to the people-first policy as the main mode of socialist politics, and achieve without fail the success and victory in the sacred cause of realizing the people's ideal of independence with the united power of the entire Party and people.

Comrades,

Today, the world is once again falling into the vortex of a new Cold War imposed by the imperialists, and the military and security situation in the Korean Peninsula, the most serious hotspot on this planet, is rushing towards a critical phase of nuclear war.

The U.S. and its followers are intensively creating aggressive military blocs in the Asia-pacific region against the countries like the DPRK that advocate independence; they even drawing forces from the NATO forces into the region, and by doing so, driving they are pushing the security environment of the region towards to the extreme.

Last April, the U.S. fabricated a Washington Declaration, a program of nuclear confrontation against the DPRK. Also, the "Nuclear Consultative Group" meeting between the U.S. and south Korea conspired to use nuclear weapons against the DPRK. This group will become a prototype of the "Trilateral Nuclear Alliance" between the U.S., Japan and south Korea. In August, the U.S., Japan and south Korea held a summit at Camp David and formulated, detailed and formalized the plan to provoke a nuclear war in the Korean Peninsula.

In accordance with this invasion scenario, the U.S. frequently dispatches its strategic assets such as nuclear strategic bombers, nuclear aircraft carriers and nuclear-powered submarines to the Korean Peninsula and its surroundings, and ceaselessly conducts practical war games, in the largest scale ever, by mobilizing not only forward deployed military equipment and forces in the operational theater of the Korean Peninsula but also the space force from its mainland and forces of its satellite states that participated in the Korean War.

In light of this grave situation, our Party is resolutely defending the dignity and sovereignty of the country and the people by frustrating the hostile forces' reckless military provocations through exercise of force and strength, under the principle of hardline for hardline and head-on showdown.

In the future, too, we will continue to write the history of the righteous might overpowering the injustice, and actively contribute to preserving the peace and stability of the world and to

realizing true international justice.

Comrades,

In September this year, our respected Comrade Kim Jong Un paid a historic visit to the Russian Federation and through his visit he greatly encouraged and inspired the progressive people's righteous struggle to defend their sovereign rights and strategic interests from the military threats and interference of foreign forces.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our full support to and solidarity with all the countries and political forces that stand up against the gangster-like U.S. strategy for world supremacy and all the revolutionary parties that fight to defend the working people's right to existence and development.

I would also like to express earnest gratitude to the Communist and Workers' Parties around the world who are extending sincere support to and solidarity with the righteous cause of our Party and people to safeguard our national sovereignty and to achieve comprehensive development of socialism.

As in the past, the WPK will continue to fight shoulder to shoulder with the parties of socialist countries in the struggle to accomplish the cause of socialism and the cause of independence against imperialism, and firmly unite with all the revolutionary parties and progressive parties, who aspire after independence and justice, and energetically advance the cause of world independence.

Thank you.