

## Korean Jurists Committee Term UNSC's "Sanctions Resolution" against DPRK Illegal

Pyongyang, August 17 (KCNA) -- The Korean Jurists Committee Thursday issued a statement terming as illegal the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolution" cooked up by the U.S. by abusing the UN Security Council over its test-launch of ICBM Hwasong-14.

The U.S. fabricated the unprecedented hash "sanctions resolution" which categorically cut off normal trade activities and economic exchange of the DPRK, the statement said, adding it is an unethical criminal act which contradicts paragraph 2, Article 1 of "International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" which provides for not depriving a sovereign state of means of existence, and the act which runs counter to internationally recognized peremptory norm.

The UN Security Council is not an exception in the application of the peremptory norm, the statement said, and went on:

This being a hard reality, the UN Security Council has systematically fabricated the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolution" violating the rights to existence and development from 2006.

In particular, the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolution" 2371 which was fabricated under the pretext of the DPRK's test-launch of ICBM is aimed to completely prevent the DPRK's economic development and improvement of the people's living standard. Therefore, this is the criminal act fundamentally detrimental to peremptory norm.

Article 53 of the "Vienna Convention on Treaties" which stipulates the legal acts of states and international organizations says that "a treaty is void if, at the time of its conclusion, it conflicts with a peremptory norm of general international law". This goes to clearly prove that all the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolution" of the UNSC are and void as they have systematically violated the DPRK's rights to existence and development.

The statement stressed that all the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolution" fabricated by the U.S. so far by abusing the UNSC should be immediately annulled and the U.S. should pay a high price for the crimes it committed against our state and people.