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**Statement by H.E. Mr. KIM SONG,
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at plenary segment of the Summit of the Future**

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Mr. President,

It is the noble desire of humankind to achieve independent and stable development in a peaceful world free from aggression and war.

Nine years have passed since we embarked on implementation of the SDGs, aimed at eradicating inequality and poverty and ensuring human dignity and affluent life for the present and future generations globally.

However, as seriously discussed at the ministerial preparatory meeting last year, the climate change, food crisis and expansion of armed conflicts and disputes are still gravely threatening the existence and development of humanity.

I am convinced that the current meeting held under the theme of "Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow" will serve as an important occasion in seeking ways and means to accelerate the implementation of shared targets. With a view to actively contribute to the theme under discussion at this meeting, allow me to briefly mention about what the DPRK has been doing to promote its socio-economic development.

The DPRK is faced with a more unfavorable situation than any other country due to external factors. Even so, it is confidently advancing towards the goal it has set, continuously strengthening its capacity and potential for independent development.

Strikingly conspicuous trend of growth distinctive from the past is seen in all fields of the state building including the economy and culture, and a strong springboard is in place for radical improvement of living environment and material and cultural life of the people.

Vigorous undertakings are in full swing to attain simultaneous, balanced and rapid development in all fields and to achieve overall prosperity of the state by bridging the gaps between urban and rural, between capital and provincial cities and as well as by eliminating geographical disparities.

It has become a national trait and virtue to get closer to and care more for those in need, relieving them of their inconveniences and sufferings. The working people benefit from the fruition of their own creative labor, leading to the improvement of their own well-being. For this reason, our people's confidence and courage to create a new life and new civilization are redoubling.

The state-building experience of the DPRK proves in reality that the future of humanity lies in the people-first policy which holds the people in most sacred esteem, draws on their inexhaustible strength and serves them with devotion.

Mr. President,

Peaceful environment for development is an indispensable requirement for sustainable and sound development of the international community through implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea said: We should not tolerate the imperialists' moves for aggression and war against sovereign nations; instead, we should struggle to ward off the danger of war and defend global peace and security.

Today, the aggressive joint military exercises of the U.S. and its allies and their attempts to expand military blocs are malign factors that seriously threaten regional peace and undermine global security landscape.

Their acts of pursuing hegemony and self-interests at the expense of the security interests of other countries upset the strategic balance of the world, trigger off arms race and create grave obstacles in the way of attaining the SDGs.

The international community should never allow anti-peace and confrontational acts that incite conflict and instability and foment distrust and hostility among UN member states, in their attempt to seek camp showdown and bloc-forming.

The right to development of developing countries should be fully ensured in the international economic system, which serves as the firm guarantee for successful implementation of the Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Now some countries attach unjust conditions with political strings to hinder developing countries' access to and use of the global financial services and trade markets and constrain their economic and scientific and technological development.

In particular, the unilateral sanctions and coercive measures enforced by a few specific states cause tremendous damage to the economic development and people's life in the developing countries.

We should thoroughly reject the neo-colonialist moves of the imperialist and dominationist forces to maintain the system of exploitation and domination over developing countries, advocating the "rules-based international order".

Mr. President,

To overcome the shortcomings latent in the current global governance system and realize genuine international justice is becoming all the more important than ever before in restoring trust in the UN and establishing a fair international order.

At present, we continue to witness practices of misdeed in the international arena where the fundamental principles governing the international relations are openly disregarded, due to the arbitrariness, high-handedness and double standards of specific states.

Israel's indiscriminate massacre in Gaza has now resulted in more than 40,000 tragic deaths of innocent Palestinian civilians, but owing to the patronage and connivance of the U.S., the UN Security Council is unable to take any practical measure to stop this crime against humanity for almost a year.

Instead, abnormal situation persists in the UN Security Council, denouncing as a "threat" the legitimate exercise of the right to self-defense of a sovereign state, which does not cause even the slightest damage to the security of the neighboring states.

The prevailing reality shows that the UN Security Council should be immediately reformed to correct the current composition of the unfair Western-led membership and expand and strengthen the representation of developing countries which account for an overwhelming majority of the UN membership.

Mr. President,

Peace, prosperity, progress and development are the main objectives of the UN foundation. They were and are the invariable desire of humankind.

The DPRK government is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities and role as a member of the international community in the work to build a new just world that guarantees a better future for humanity.

Thank you.