



**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

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

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