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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to clarify again its position regarding a joint communication sent by Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and other Special Rapporteurs dated 23 June 2020.

The allegations of "abductions and enforced disappearances" contained in a joint communication are the extension of the stereotyped despicable political plots fabricated by the hostile forces aimed at overthrowing the DPRK system using human rights as a pretext.

Despite this fact, Special Procedures "experts" of the UN Human Rights Council, trespassing their mandates, made unwarranted and malicious accusations against DPRK, which seriously distorted facts, exposed fully their ignorance and prejudice, severely infringed upon DPRK's sovereignty and flagrantly violated the Charter of the United Nations.

The DPRK categorically rejects such allegations which have no worthy for consideration and revealed itself of its absurdity at the previous UN human rights forum.

Such an expression of inappropriate and biased views by the Special Procedures "experts" adds to the international acknowledgment that UN mechanism for human rights is being reduced into a political tool and a servant of certain privileged forces.

If there is still any "abductions and enforced disappearances", it is up to Japan to confirm the fate of millions of the Koreans abducted by Japan in the past and make sincere apology and compensation to the victims, and it is up to south Korea to confirm the fate and whereabouts of the DPRK citizens abducted including 12 females abducted as a group in China, April 2016 and to repatriate abductees immediately at their will.

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If it really cares about protection of human rights, they are advised to refrain from carrying the cases fabricated by wire-pulling forces, but should rather pay attention to these matters.

We advise the OHCHR to approach all members of the UN on an equal footing, true to the principles of the UN activities, their lifeline being impartiality and objectivity, and properly discharge his responsibility and perform his role in a way that the UN forum would not be dirtied by injustice and falsity.

The Permanent Mission of the DPRK avails itself to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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