

Speech by Head of Delegation of DPRK at UNFCCC COP 25

Dear President,

Offering my congratulations to you on your election as the President of UNFCCC COP 25, I hope this conference will be successfully conducted with fruitful results under your skillful leadership

I would also express my gratitude to the secretariat of UNFCCC and the Government of Spain who have devoted sincere efforts for successful opening of the conference and providing its wonderful venue.

Dear President,

Today climate change is critically threatening the survival of humankind and the future generations as well. The fact that records the high

est temperature rise during the last five years clearly shows that it is the time for action for climate emergency.

Today the Parties must reduce emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, and must achieve climate neutrality by 2050, and in order to achieve these ambitious goals many countries are moving towards a sustainable green economic growth and low carbon development to address climate change.

The COP 24 held in Katowice, Poland last year was of great significance in developing the rulebook for implementing the Paris Agreement.

All the international communities should fulfill their role and responsibility in implementing the Paris Agreement. We are living in a same planet, and it is our common responsibility to protect our planet, our home.

My delegation considers that the following issues need to be paid due attention in order to achieve the international goal to protect the global environment that coincide with the UN SDGs and to strengthen green economic growth.

First, the developed countries should recognize the historical responsibility of climate change and fully implement the responsibility to provide financial support to the developing countries that are already stipulated in the Paris Agreement.

Today, the cost of loss and damage due to the climate change is too far beyond our imagination and the major victims of climate change are for sure the developing countries.

It is a prerequisite that the developed countries emitting most of the global greenhouse gases should faithfully implement its responsibility under the Paris Agreement.

Second, international entities related to climate change should keep the principle of equity and justice in providing financial and technical support and take practical measures to provide sufficient and sustainable funds to developing countries for carrying out climate change mitigation and adaptation activities.

Never, ever politicization should be allowed in resource allocation and implementation of climate change related projects of developing countries.

International collaboration and cooperation in the field of climate change mitigation and environmental protection should be strengthened in order to achieve the global goal of climate action based on the principle of protecting the mutual interest of countries.

Dear President,

Today, the DPRK is striving forward by putting its emphasis on the construction of socialist economic powerful state and upholding self-reliance firmly in its hand as a shield of prosperity. This year, we have formulated National Environment Protection Strategy (2019-2030) and National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy (2019-2030), and are waging vigorously for their implementation.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade **KIM JONG UN**, the Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, our country is implementing Forest Restoration Campaign to make all mountains into the ones of gold and treasure thickly wooded with trees.

The country is also exploring and wisely utilizing various energy resources such as hydro and tidal power, wind energy, etc. and turn the current production process into energy saving mode, and widely introducing sustainable agricultural practices.

The Government of the DPRK is paying due attention in tackling the global climate change issue to the principle of prioritizing sustainable economic development with improvement of people's livelihood.

Achieving the ambitious goals of Paris Agreement is not as easy as words, and neither

will it be achieved by own itself.

Acknowledging the climate emergency and the responsibility as a Party to the Paris Agreement the Government of the DPRK has updated the NDCs which indicated GHG emission reduction by 16.4% on its own by 2030 and additionally increase emission reduction by 36% with international support.

Recognizing important role of the Secretariat of UNFCCC in dealing the climate emergency which is the main threats to present and next generations and in coordinating regional and international cooperation for peace and green economic growth, I do hope that UNFCCC secretariat and all other international organizations would fulfill their responsibility in solving climate change issues at regional and global level.

On this occasion, I would like to confirm that the DPR Korea will actively join in international efforts for global climate action.

Thank you.