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Press Release

**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Sin Son Ho,
Permanent Representative of the DPRK to UN,
on the Illegal Israeli Actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the Rest of the
Occupied Palestinian Territory at the Tenth Emergency Special
Session(resumed) of General Assembly
New York, January 15, 2009**

Mr. President,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea strongly condemns the recent Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip of Palestine as a wanton violation of the international law and UN Charter and an open provocation to the Middle East peace process.

Even at this time, the Israeli armed forces are mercilessly killing the innocent Palestinian civilians and destroying houses, public buildings and schools at random.

These are no more than acts of state terrorism and crime against humanity. What cannot be overlooked in this regard is the fact that the Israeli atrocities are backed by the United States of America.

Now, the entire world is denouncing Israeli aggression calling for an immediate end to all its military actions. However, the United States alone is taking sides with Israel, even justifying its act of obstructing peace.

This proved once again that the peace breaker and the worst human rights violator in the world is none other than the United States.

Mr. President,

It is the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to recover their occupied territory and build an independent sovereign state, and therefore, it is a just cause for them to fight to achieve their goal.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea extends full support to and solidarity with the Palestinian people's struggle to expel the Israeli aggressors from their own territory and restore their legitimate rights including the right to self determination.

Israel should immediately stop all its military actions and withdraw its aggressive forces from Gaza Strip.

Thank you.