

**Statement by Delegation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea at
29th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC
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Mr President,

On behalf of the Delegation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), I would like to congratulate Mr Mukhtar Babayev, on your appointment as President of COP29, and I look forward to fruitful outcome of the conference under your able leadership.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Executive Secretary and the Secretariat of UNFCCC, as well as to the Government of Azerbaijan for their sincere efforts to ensure the success of this conference.

Mr President,

COP is held every year to discuss measures to respond climate change amid global attention with hope and expectations, but regrettably all that comes out of the conference are “empty promises” and “fancy words”.

As reported by the UN emergency appeal in July, thousands of people lost their lives this summer due to the rising temperature, and hundreds of millions suffered from direct or indirect impact of typhoon, high temperature, drought and heavy rain.

Climate change is undoubtedly a tragic result of unbridled greed of the West, and its direct and greatest victims are none other than innocent developing countries.

Under the Paris Agreement, developed countries are committed to provide US\$ 100 billion annually to developing countries, and this issue has been a core agenda at COP session every year, however, the West failed to keep its promise.

It has been over 30 years since the UNFCCC was adopted on scientific basis and entered into force, but some state parties still insist that climate change is a fiction invented to ruin their luxurious lifestyle and economy, and they even talk about withdrawing from the Convention.

These countries should abandon their narrow-minded and selfish attitude of turning a blind eye to the reality.

The recent unprecedented flood in Spain is clear example demonstrating that even western countries are not safe from the climate change.

The United Nations and the Secretariat of UNFCCC should speed up establishing practical and institutional mechanisms to implement Paris Agreement, such as matters related to Loss and Damage Fund, and actively promote global climate action.

Mr President,

Under the wise leadership of comrade **Kim Jong Un**, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our country set it as an important task to firmly protect the national security, the lives and property of its people from the challenges of nature caused by climate change and enhance the national capacity to actively cope with various natural disasters. To this end, we are pushing ahead with nationwide activities.

Even during the period when the world was going through a difficult time due to the pandemic, we continuously waged campaign to restore forest, planting nearly 1.167 billion trees between 2020 and 2022, and we are carrying out a plan to increase urban green coverage to 60% by 2030.

Efforts are directed at national level to increase renewable energy production, such as wind, tidal, and solar power.

In addition, we formulated a mid- and long-term green growth plan that sets out future goal and ways to achieve it for the transition of domestic economy to a green economy in the near future, and material and technological preparations for its implementation is underway.

Mr President,

The Government of the DPRK will continue to fulfill its responsibility and further strengthen regional and international cooperation in combating the climate change.

Thank you
