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### **U.S. Accused of Convening FMs' Meeting of Countries Participated in Korean War**

Pyongyang, January 18 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Institute for American Studies of the DPRK Foreign Ministry gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA on January 18 as regards the foreign ministers' meeting of the countries that participated in the Korean War, recently convened by the U.S. together with Canada:

The U.S., in collusion with Canada created the scene of war simulation by summoning the foreign ministers' meeting of the countries that participated in the Korean War in Vancouver, Canada from January 15 to 16. Participated in this meeting were 20 countries including the ones that had followed the U.S. to the aggressive war against our country from 1950 to 1953.

At the meeting, the U.S. Secretary of State openly trumpeted that they should intensify the pressure campaign against us until we stop nuclear program by way of limiting the export of oil and industrial products, strengthening naval control, expelling our workers abroad, etc. and he went so far as to insist on the military option.

Now the whole world warmly welcomes the dramatic change in the frozen inter-Korean relations and the visible sign of easing tension on the Korean peninsula, which are being brought about by our generous and magnanimous proposal.

However, the U.S., while throwing a wet blanket over this atmosphere, have brought together its vassal forces including the countries that had followed the former to participate in the aggressive war against our country and openly hatched a plot to further intensify the barbarous sanctions and pressure against our country and provoke a new war on the Korean peninsula.

It is no accident that many countries including our neighbouring countries unanimously criticize the meeting, arguing that the nature and the agenda of the meeting are not conducive to easing the tension on the Korean peninsula and that it would rather bring an adverse effect.

As we have already clarified several times, the tightening of sanctions against our country like the naval blockade, which have been discussed behind the screen at the meeting, is tantamount to an act of war.

The meeting speaks to the fact that the U.S. is willing to spark a new war in the Korean peninsula at any cost although it talks about dialogue.

We take the U.S. convocation of the meeting simply as the ridiculous floundering of the Trump group which was frightened by the might of our Republic that has achieved great historic cause of perfecting the state nuclear force and made a dignified rise to a position of the strategic state recognized by the world.

The move of the U.S. trying to solve the issue of the Korean peninsula by force further solidifies our conviction that the road we chose was absolutely right and we should ever follow this road without any slightest vacillation.

We scrutinize even at this moment every move of the U.S. that is making highly disturbing military acts by continuously bringing the strategic nuclear weapons in and around the Korean peninsula and we constantly maintain high alert.

We take this opportunity to warn those unprincipled countries that kowtowed to the U.S. and participated in the meeting unlawful and ambiguous in nature and advise them to contemplate the consequences to ensue thereafter.