

## **Congratulatory Speech**

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Esteemed guests and participants,

Availing itself of this opportunity, Africa of Juche, through myself though I am humble, extends gratitude to organizers of this international seminar held in the Italian Republic, to be more correct, in its capital Rome on the occasion of the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

Commemorating this historic day when the world witnessed the gains of this young Republic which were achieved, rooted and consolidated, we pay the highest tribute to the respected President Kim Il Sung who authored the Juche idea to give life to this fraternal country and cultivate it. We also pay noble tribute to the great Leader Kim Jong Il who applied the Juche idea fully in all realms of the state life and to Marshal Kim Jong Un who leads the state affairs with seasoned and creative intelligence to further strengthen and develop the DPRK into an independent, sovereign and peace-loving powerful country of socialism in the world and achieve miraculous social development, surprising the whole world as well as the DPRK people.

Yes, we do.

Esteemed organizers,

As it becomes the main concern of the times in the present world advancing towards multi-polarization, vigorous exchanges of independence, sovereignty and social development are timely proceeded. The need, that makes mankind live a more humane, balanced and excellent life by achieving complete political sovereignty, peace and security for their people and social development, becomes ever more urgent for national states.

Such a profound and legal aspiration of Africa gets more and more urgent for its people and their leaders as theirs were the small and weak countries in the world, where human and material resources were plundered shamelessly, progressive leaders were assassinated because they aspired after justice, equality and independence, and inferiority of their culture was often debated.

However, entering our era, the African young people are conscious more

strongly that there should be some fundamental change and the pendulum clock be set correctly. To set a pendulum clock means recovering not only his own destiny but dignity of African man who should be master of all potentialities existing around him. The African people have become motive force of history. They decided to appear as an independent man in the international arena.

As the respected President Kim Il Sung always said, we live in the era of independence that is for the countries who are challenging influences from the past dependent and colonial countries and capitalist globalization. We should rely on the strength of our people and consider special situations of our African countries. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen internally the political independence that enables to defend sovereignty of our national states. Each nation can safeguard its dignity and develop independently and possibly achieve national independence only by holding fast to the Juche character that teaches us that one is master of one's own destiny and has the strength to shape it.

But this national independence can be consolidated only when priority is given to the profound aspiration of the masses who demand the building of an authoritative, just, equal and rational state.

In this respect, independence of a country is efficient only when it has internal strength that enables it to enjoy respect in international relations. Independence of a nation, after all, is subordinated to the independent politics which it enforces through external relations and activities of many internal sectors. To strengthen political independence of a country is a vital issue that requires its social, military and political forces to cooperate for this strengthening. It is because efficient independence is inconceivable apart from political independence. Therefore, it is very important for the African people to believe in themselves and keep self-reliance and sense of national pride by relying on their main idea of not tolerating pressure or interference of external forces. All African citizens should be well versed in manners and customs of their people along with history, geography, the economy, culture of their countries and master new technologies. They should also positively encourage national culture based on social value while valuing national cultural heritages and opposing and rejecting flunkeyism towards the imperialist powers and all other outmoded ideological trends forced by them. Enforcing the independent politics of a country does not mean to reject international cooperation, but instead, to inspire cooperation that guarantees the respect of each country's independence and the mutual profit. It is not based on exploitation of one side

by another side.

Essential basis for the independent politics is the building of an independent national economy and the guarantee made by powerful self-reliant national defence capabilities. The building of an independent national economy is based on the strategic line of invariably holding fast to the “principle of putting the economy on a Juche basis”. In other words, it is necessary to make the economy develop in conformity with realities of one’s country by putting the economy on a modern and scientific basis, by ceaselessly modernizing technical equipment, by placing all production activities on a scientific basis and by considering one’s technical resources as the main. In addition to this, it is necessary to make the working masses participate actively in the economic construction and the fair distribution of social and economic fruits. For this reason, it is important for our African countries to lay obstacles before the system that turns its back against absolute majority of the masses and causes high rate of unemployment.

The prerequisite, which they should solve in building an independent national economy that is a foundation for the independent politics as required by the Juche idea, is to build a genuine patriotic culture whose owners are the leaders and all masses of the people and to strengthen a genuine national self-defence that guarantees security of the people and wealth.

In respect of consolidating and promoting a comprehensive and planned policy of the African economy, it is important to pay attention to the following necessities.

It is necessary to strengthen the national economy based on planning of the internal economic system of the regional and continental organizations. It is imperative to pay attention not to getting involved in the imperialist powers’ moves of enslavement and submission to use these organizations as a tool for their interests in spite of opposition of the leaders and people.

It is also necessary to promote balanced development of urban and rural areas whose aim is to minimize daily-increasing inequality between them.

It is also necessary to intensify internal abilities of the African Union. Africa should learn step by step how to take responsibility for itself.

All of these necessities are interacted factors, and they can contribute not only to lasting peace free from war but to mental and spiritual peace within our countries. Today the African continent is torn to pieces due to some fratricidal wars, and this can be seen especially in the eastern part of the DR Congo. Some neighboring countries which were reduced to a tool of multi-nationalists ceaselessly commit a massacre of the people in the region by

instigating armed gangs who were trained by them in order to shamelessly plunder its natural resources. The countries in the region of Sahel are also confronted with the Djihad armed gangs who threaten security of their people and disturb their development. The former Chadian president Idriss Deby said at a talk... that Djihad forces can exist in Sahel is a result of the support of the Western powers who intend to weaken development of the African countries. I think his words of apprehension were right in view of the proceedings of this confused war. Therefore, the African Union, the regional organizations and their affiliated ones should brace themselves once again in order not to consent to arbitrariness of foreign powers but to defend only legal interests of their people.

In conclusion, Africa of Juche will put more spurs to the activities to promote the exchange of mutual profit and the dialogue between nations in the management of international business and positively encourage multi-polarization in which sovereignty of all countries is respected, in such a circumstance that the worldwide movement is vigorously waged to recover balance of the international order.