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All the courageous officers and men of the armed forces
of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

Officers and men of the units participating in today's
military parade,

Comrade war veterans, exemplary soldiers and merited
persons invited to this square of celebration,

Esteemed citizens of Pyongyang,

Dear comrades,

Today we are holding a grand military parade to
celebrate an anniversary that, for our great Party, state and
people, is significant and glorious.

On this occasion, which is overflowing with the glory of
the long history of building up our armed forces, all of us
here are filled with great pride in having such armed forces
to firmly defend the Party, the revolution, the country and
the people and reliably guarantee our peace and stability.

All the people across the country, when they see the
dependable elite units massed here in Kim Il Sung Square
with their victory colours and appreciate, through them, the
advanced modern nature of our Republic's armed forces,
will realize once again the profound and great significance
the birth of their country's first genuine army 90 years ago
had in the history of our revolution and nation and will

have in the future development of our state and people.

The founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army was an event of national importance; it was a declaration of death-defying resistance to imperialism under the unfurled banner of gaining our national liberation and independence by our own efforts. It was also a historic event that ushered in a new era of the Juche revolution that relies on powerful revolutionary armed forces.

The true significance of that event is not confined only to the fact that our people, who were forced to live a pitiable life at a tumultuous time in history, acquired their own national army and hope for their revival; it also lies in the fact that it declared at home and abroad the Korean revolutionaries' steadfast, anti-imperialist revolutionary commitment to settle accounts once and for all by force of arms with those who had infringed on the dignity and sovereignty of their nation, as well as their unyielding determination that, come what may, the Korean people themselves would win their freedom and liberation and the victory of the revolution.

History has clearly proved that this commitment and determination to carve out the destiny and future of their nation which the Korean revolutionaries embraced were absolutely correct.

The fine sons and daughters of our people, when they

held their revolutionary weapons aloft in the forests of Paektu, were expressing the soaring spirit of the independence of the Korean nation, their hopes, and the great banner of their unity. Those weapons were a force that instilled the mettle of self-dependence and Herculean strength in the tear-stained fists of the Korean people.

It was thanks to those armed forces that a far-reaching plan for the Korean revolution could be developed, an unyielding spirit and formidable strength with which to prevail over the imperialist tyranny could be nurtured, and the great traditions that are fundamental and enduring in the development of our revolution could be established.

The ideology, belief and traditions which our revolutionary army cherished and passed down from the outset of its founding formed the basis of its spiritual strength and the guarantee of eternal victory. With this strength and guarantee, it could display an undying heroic and self-sacrificing spirit with which to defend the Party, the revolution, the territory and the people, on the front line of the fiercest-ever anti-imperialist confrontation and the grim class struggle, and in the ever-changing circumstances of history, mindful of its intrinsic revolutionary and class nature and mission. This army achieved the great cause of the country's liberation and nation's revival through an unprecedented bloody struggle, repulsed the armed

aggression of the US-led allied imperialist forces through a display of its unrivalled spirit of heroism, and defended with honour the sovereignty, dignity and security of the country. It has, by displaying an ennobling self-sacrificing spirit, recorded ever-victorious feats in defending the ruling Party, the government, the territory and the people throughout the historical course of the socialist revolution and construction. Our Party and people regard it as a source of their greatest honour and pride to have such a brave, steely and loyal army.

All the priceless gains we have made, along with everything else on this land, are associated, above all, with our revolutionary armed forces. We should never forget this.

Not only as the main force in the nation's defence but also as a powerful force for its development, our revolutionary army, true to the Party's intentions, has always worked with devotion to carry out the ambitious revolutionary tasks that are aimed at attaining lofty ideals. By doing so, it has performed exploits greater than others could manage in creating a new history of socialist construction and enhancing the dignity and honour of our great state. Our revolutionary army, regarding it as its lifeblood and highest honour to be faithful to the Party, the government and the people, has kept the lineage of the

Korean revolution safe and defended the ideology and cause of the Workers' Party of Korea resolutely. It has also reliably guaranteed the existence and development of our state and the welfare of our people. Thanks to the enduring exploits it has performed over the past 90 years, the century-old annals of the Korean revolution are resplendent with victory and glory.

We will remember for all time how our great armed forces have always opened up the way for our advance in the vanguard at every stage of the revolution, however challenging, and how our Republic's glorious and worthwhile victories have been won at the cost of the priceless blood and sweat shed by our revolutionary army and its noble self-sacrifice.

The glorious history of our armed forces is embodied in the proud and honourable successors, that is, the officers and men of the elite units of the Republic's armed forces who will march in fine array across this square of victors, and all the other soldiers guarding their posts in the air, on the ground and at sea and performing feats of labour at sites of grand socialist construction across the country.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity I, on behalf of our Party and government, would like to pay noble tribute to the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners and martyrs of the People's Army who dedicated their

precious lives in the struggle for national sovereignty and independence and the people's liberation, for the strengthening of our revolutionary armed forces and for the victorious advance of the socialist cause. I also offer hearty congratulations to all the officers and men of the Korean People's Army and all the other members of the armed forces of our Republic who are undertaking a great journey of faithfully succeeding their revolutionary forerunners.

In addition, I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to all the families on this land, whose dear husbands and children are standing on the front line of national defence.

Comrades,

The glorious 90-year journey our revolutionary armed forces have undertaken to safeguard the prosperity and progress of the country by force of arms should continue for another hundred, nay a thousand, years.

In the current era we should continue to exalt the glory of our powerful armed forces at the same time as developing their might at a speed far greater than at any time in the past 90 years.

In today's world, where opposing forces are colliding fiercely with one another, a nation's dignity and sovereignty and lasting, genuine peace are guaranteed by a powerful defence capability that can overpower any enemy.

We should continue to grow stronger.

We must not be satisfied or rest on our laurels concerning the strength for defending ourselves. We must make our military supremacy more secure so that we can stand up to anyone.

This is what the revolution demands, and it will decide the future of all the generations to come.

Our general line in building our revolutionary armed forces is to ensure that the People's Army remains ever-victorious.

An ever-victorious army—this must be the timeless designation applied to our People's Army, and it must shine as a priceless honour belonging to our revolutionary armed forces alone.

The People's Army should hold fast to our Party's orientation and general line in army building and open up a dynamic new phase of the development of the revolutionary armed forces.

To this end, its core aim should be to strengthen itself politically and ideologically and make itself powerful in terms of its military technology. It should give more forceful impetus to consolidating itself into an army with such strength of ideology and faith that it is absolutely loyal to the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and boundlessly faithful to its revolutionary cause, and an elite force with the courage, capability and self-confidence to

respond without hesitation to any form of war and crisis.

The main aspect and primary strategic task in building up our armed forces are to strengthen them politically and ideologically.

The political and ideological preparedness of our armed forces and the ideological and spiritual readiness of the soldier masses who are their motive force are fundamental to the effort to ensure that our revolutionary armed forces fulfil their mission as the army of the Party, the people and the class and respond actively to any form of war and crisis.

The staunch revolutionary spirit and class awareness of the armed forces which we must further cultivate in the future will play a decisive role in reinforcing the fighting efficiency of our armed forces and the defence capability of the nation.

The unique character of our revolution is that one generation is continually being replaced by another, and that we are in a prolonged confrontation with the imperialists, who are growing more ferocious with each passing day. As a result, it has become a crucial strategic task in army building and the anti-imperialist struggle to continue stoutly with carrying forward the baton of the great revolutionary ideology and spirit which originated on Paektu. Once we are enforcing this as the core task in building up our

revolutionary armed forces, we will surely be able to maintain and consolidate their qualitative supremacy.

Every one of the Party's organizations and political bodies of the People's Army should continue to stoke up the flames of the ideological revolution and focus an all-out effort on cultivating the revolutionary ideology and spiritual strength of the soldier masses.

Having accepted it as the task of the highest priority to develop the People's Army into an army that is strong in ideology and faith, we should prepare all the service personnel to be ideological guards who fight only in line with the revolutionary ideology and will of the Party Central Committee, who cherish staunch class awareness and an indomitable fighting spirit as part of their mental qualities, and who never allow a single misfire or an inch of deviation from the centre of a target designated by the Party Central Committee.

We should also push ahead powerfully with building our armed forces into ones that are strong in military technology, with a view to radically improving their fighting efficiency.

The global trend in military development and the current rapidly-evolving style of warfare demand that we modernize our armed forces at a faster rate in terms of their military technology.

Holding high the slogan of modernizing the armed forces, we should strive to the utmost to develop our People's Army into a powerful one that is equipped with highly advanced military technology.

By pressing ahead with the modernization of the military talents training system, we can develop a larger number of officers who are fully able to command units at every level of the various arms and services. And by modernizing their operational and combat training, we should ensure that every unit and sub-unit of the armed forces is fully ready to carry out any combat mission.

The defence science and munitions industry sectors, in order to ceaselessly increase the military power of the People's Army, should continue to develop and deploy combat-ready cutting-edge military hardware of the new generation.

In particular, the nuclear forces, the symbol of our national strength and the core of our military power, should be strengthened in terms of both quality and scale so that they can demonstrate their capabilities in combat in any war situation, according to different operational purposes and missions and by various means.

The prevailing situation demands that we adopt more proactive measures to provide a firm and sustained guarantee for enhancing the modern nature and military

technological supremacy of our Republic's armed forces.

To cope with the rapidly-changing political and military situation and any potential crises in the future, we will continue along the road we have been following unwaveringly and make faster and more dynamic progress in building up our self-defensive and modern armed forces. In particular, we will continue to take steps for further developing our state's nuclear forces at the fastest possible speed.

The fundamental mission of our nuclear forces is to deter war, but our nuclear weapons can never be confined to the single mission of war deterrence at a time when a situation of which we are not at all desirous is being created on this land.

If any forces try to violate the fundamental interests of our state, our nuclear forces will have to act decisively and accomplish its unanticipated secondary mission.

The nuclear forces of our Republic should be fully prepared to fulfil their responsible mission and play their unique deterrence role at any time.

Comrades, officers and men of the People's Army,

Our armed forces are now fully prepared for any type of war.

Any forces that attempt military confrontation with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will perish.

All the armed forces of the DPRK, with the heroic Korean People's Army as their core, should at all times believe firmly in their cause, march forward valiantly and filled with confidence in the face of every challenge, remain faithful to their sacred mission of defending the safety, dignity and happiness of the people, and securely guarantee the development of our socialism by maintaining their invincible military supremacy.

All the officers and men of the armed forces of the Republic,

As long as your hearts are beating with the precious blood and noble spirit of our revolutionary forerunners, and as long as the revolutionary armed forces are occupying the vanguard of the revolution as the embodiment of the Workers' Party of Korea's ideology and will and of the strength of our state and people, the cause of socialism of our own style will be ever-victorious in the future, too.

Commanding officers and men of the KPA and all other armed forces of the Republic,

For the safety and happiness of our great people,

For the eternal glory and victory of our great state,

Let us fight vigorously.

Long live our great revolutionary armed forces!

Long live our great country, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

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