

As written

Mr. President,  
Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of UNFPA,  
Distinguished delegates,

To begin with, I would, in the name of the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, like to congratulate you on being elected president of the meeting.

At the same time, I wish to express profound thanks to the secretariat of the UNFPA and the Government of the Netherlands, the host country of the meeting for excellent arrangements for the success of the meeting.

We are convinced that this meeting will review achievements and experiences achieved in the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action during the last 5 years and discuss the way of how to fulfill the programme effectively and practically and thus this will be a good occasion for attaining goals set by the Cairo Conference.

The Government of the DPRK embodying the Juche idea centering on the popular masses has attached importance to the Cairo Programme of Action in the last 5 years and exerted active efforts for fulfilling the recommendations therein to suit the specific reality of our country.

Our country has translated the Programme into Korean to give wide publicity through the mass media, educational institutions and social organizations, thus making the people, particularly the rising generations grasp the significance of the population issues to have better knowledge of correlation between population, environment, resources and economic development.

Our country has directed close attention to keeping good balances between IEC and services, research and training in conformity with the cooperation plan in the field of reproductive

health, financially supported by UNFPA from 1998 to 2001, improving quality of services and enhancing the role of non-governmental organizations, including the Korean Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health Association and thereby made certain progress in this respect.

Unfortunately, in recent years owing to the unjust economic blockade from outside and natural disasters lasting for several consecutive years grave difficulties have been created in our country's economic life and the implementation of Cairo Programme of Action.

However, our people are now rallied single heartedly behind the great leader Comrade Kim Song Il and pushing ahead with dynamic advance for overcoming temporary difficulties and building a powerful nation, filled with confidence and optimism.

We will, in the near future, bring up the present state of public health temporarily deteriorated to the pre-natural disasters level and thereby achieve successfully targets stressed in Cairo Programme of Action.

The delegation of DPRK would like to take this opportunity to express deep thanks to the governments of many countries, international organizations and NGOs for their sincere assistance to our people who are striving to get rid of aftermath of natural disasters.

Mr. President,

Attaining targets set by the Cairo Programme of Action assumes important significance in bringing about welfare and prosperity of mankind, equality and development of international society in millennium.

The delegation of DPRK holds that the following issues be solved for the successful fulfillment and good fruition of the Cairo Programme of Action;

Firstly, the developed countries should increase their shares of contribution for the developing countries, as urged by the relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly.

Secondly, internal assistance should be strengthened for the countries afflicted with unjust economic sanction and blockade and international community exerts its efforts to remove unjust economic sanctions against the certain countries.

And due consideration should be given for the countries suffering sanctions in the international standard of allocation of financial resource for population activities.

Thirdly, practical measures should taken to restrict environmental damages and misuse of natural resources manacing the existence of mankind.

This meeting should emphasize once again that it is imperative to swiftly block the phenomenon of human's existence and interests being exploited for the interests of the certain countries.

Fourthly, all kinds of disputes should be solved in a peaceful way and international cooperation strengthened for using precious fruition of labour for creation and construction, peace and well-being.

Holocaust and refuge issue posed by all kinds of strives, including further aggravating national disputes do biggest harms to women and children.

Mr. President,

The Government of our Republic will fulfill faithfully its commitments in realizing common strategy of mankind and the Cairo Programme of Action for the sustainable development of the world.

Thank you.