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**Statement by H.E. Mr. RI SU YONG,
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at the United Nations Summit for the adoption of
the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

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Mr. Co-chairs,

As we mark the 70th founding anniversary of the United Nations, the adoption of the “Post-2015 Development Agenda” reflecting the will and desire of the broad-based United Nations Member States is a meaningful event in the UN history.

The “Post-2015 Development Agenda” we adopted at this summit is a product of the strenuous efforts made by the international community to eradicate poverty and to achieve sustainable development on a worldwide scale.

The “Millennium Development Goals” adopted 15 years ago made positive contributions to promoting cooperation among countries and regions in all fields of socio-economic development.

However, we still have a long way to go to completely liberate the humankind from poverty and build a free, peaceful and prosperous world. With this in mind, we have adopted the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” containing more specific goals to reshape and transform the world.

In order to achieve the goals for complete eradication of poverty and sustainable socio-economic development, peaceful and durable environment for development should be provided before anything else.

As is generally known, some specific countries are creating artificial obstacles in the peaceful resolution of international problems and the sound and sustainable development of the countries and regions with “sanctions”, in their attempt to realize their military and political purposes.

If the economic sanctions imposed from the medieval viewpoint against independent aspirations of developing countries are left intact, the excellent development goals that we set will not be attained.

The typical example is the United States which persistently tries to suffocate even the sectors of our people’s life by resorting to all means, proceeding from its inveterate animosity and hostile policy to remove the socialist system of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

However, what the United States does not know is that the more the “sanctions” maneuvers become vicious against the DPRK, the stronger in thousands fold grow the will and spirit of our people to defend more firmly the prosperous and powerful socialist state centered on the popular masses.

Under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade **KIM JONG UN**, our people are now making unprecedented great achievements in their endeavors for sustainable socio-economic development while resolutely overcoming the unscrupulous “sanctions” and all other challenges on the way forward.

We are striving to provide our people with more abundant and civilized life by giving high priority to the science and technology and making maximum use of the potential of our self-reliant economy. This effort of ours will make a due contribution to realizing the Sustainable Development Agenda for reform and transformation of the world.

We will vigorously promote equal and mutually beneficial economic cooperation and collaboration with many countries of the world and actively join the international trend to translate the “Post-2015 Development Agenda” into practice.

I thank you.

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