

## **North Korean Human Rights Resolution: What Is It After?**

In April the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution, denouncing the “human rights” situation in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

As is known, nowadays the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation is running high on the Korean peninsula and the atmosphere of peace and stabilization is vibrating in Northeast Asia. The resolution runs counter to this situation. Then, what is the UNSC’s resolution after?

It would be advisable to look back upon the past anti-DPRK “human rights resolutions” adopted on the UN arena. First, let us look at the resolution adopted at the plenary meeting of the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly. Still vivid in the memory of many people is the fact that the report submitted by the committee for investigating the DPRK’s “human rights” situation, the basis of the resolution, was later revealed to be fabricated. Sin Tong Hyok, on whose “testimony” the report had relied in the main, confessed that he had committed perjury.

The authors of the report were also dubious. In his article, titled, *North Korea, UN and War Declaration*, Christopher Black, a member of the lawyers association under the Senate of Canada and an international criminal lawyer, wrote: It is quite surprising that three members of the investigation committee had a career of being involved in organizations affiliated to the CIA.

Based on similar false reports, the UN Human Rights Council as well as the UN adopted numerous “human rights resolutions” against the DPRK. That the resolution adopted at the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council was aimed at intensifying international pressure upon the country can be easily proved through the fact that it was based on false documents such as the report by the investigation committee.

Contrary to the contents of the resolutions, many people, who had been to this country, gained a firsthand experience of its actual human rights situation and wrote many articles. Russian online news service *Sputnik* carried an article contributed by a Serbian, who had visited the country as a tourist. In the article, titled, *The Reality of North Korea Is Quite Different from How It Has Been Propagandized*, he wrote that he had been accustomed to hearing the propaganda and legendary tales that north Koreans were on the verge of starvation, living on grass and wearing shabby clothes, but the reality was quite different. The CEO of the Malaysian Johns Nicholson Company wrote after his visit to this country: What I can say with confidence is that the DPRK is a country for human beings, the most ideal land in this world; as a Christian

worshipping God, I think it is an earthly paradise the people all over the world have to visit, where man is valued most and the people with noble spiritual and moral traits are helping and leading one another forward and living happily.

This notwithstanding, the UN Human Rights Council is adopting a “human rights resolution” against the country one after another, and why? The forces hostile towards the country are scheming to intensify international pressure against it by using this international agency, and the council has been reduced to a tool of these forces that pursue their ulterior political objects.

In order to guarantee genuine human rights on the worldwide scale, the UN Human Rights Council is well advised to regain fairness and objectivity in conformity with its noble mission and purpose.