

Dear friends, comrades, guests and mass media representatives.

On behalf of the Workers Socialist Party of Croatia, and the Communist Coordination and workers' parties from former Yugoslavia, also on behalf of NKPU (New Yugoslav Communist Party of Serbia), I greet you all and give you their sincere congratulations, and mine, with a wish for a fruitful work during the meeting.

We thank the organizers for allowing us to introduce ourselves, and also for the chance to learn something new about your country and your people, so far away but so very dear to us.

Today, while we are here to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK, we are deeply impressed by its development and the building of a socialist society under the leadership of the workers' party of Korea and its Supreme leader Kim Jong-Un, as observed by many visitors after returning from your country.

Your efforts are carried out under aggressive pressure, threats, provocations and sanctions coming from the United States. Despite the heavy consequences deriving from this situation, today North Korea is one of the few countries which manage to defend and maintain its sovereignty. I say this with deep emotion and respect, because I myself come from a country whose people lived in full peace and sovereignty, and this country was Yugoslavia.

Its people, its sovereignty and the country itself lost in the whirlwind civil war that arose after the counter-revolution and secession of the 1990's.

These devastating processes were led from the outside and materialized inside the country. So, we carefully monitor the pressure employed on DPRK, where its leaders successfully resist. To the whole Korean people, divided for 70 years by imperialist interests, we wish to find the strength, the courage and the wisdom in the struggle for their liberation. Thank you for your attention.