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Mr. Chairman,
Heads of States and Governments,
Distinguished delegates,

I would like, first of all, to extend sincere congratulations to H.H. HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI on his election as the chairman of the 2nd South Summit.

I also express friendly greetings and gratitude to Amir State of Qatar and peoples for their enormous efforts for a successful hosting of the current summit as well as their warm hospitality accorded to us.

Mr. Chairman,

The 1st South Summit held five years ago at the historical juncture of entering a new century laid down the economic development strategy for the developing countries, thus making great contribution to strengthening the unity and cooperation at a higher level among the countries in the south.

This grandiose gathering of the 2nd Summit testifies to the fact that the noble idea and achievement, and great cause of the respected President Kim Il Sung and other leaders of the developing countries are being inherited and enriched.

I am convinced that this Summit will mark a historical occasion of demonstrating once again the political will and unified strength of the countries in the South to establish the equitable international economic order and further enhance the south-south cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Even in the new century, the international relations has yet to be shifted from confrontation to cooperation

The unilateralism, based on the notion that power is almighty, is destroying the norms and order of the international relations, seriously threatening the countries in the South in their efforts for economic development.

Aggression, economic sanctions and blockades against sovereign states are being tolerated or even justified on the pretexts of "anti-terrorism", "human rights protection" and "prevention of mass destruction weapons proliferation".

Globalization is seriously affecting the development of the developing countries including every sphere of human life.

The international environment remains unfavorable for the development of the developing countries and rather the imbalances in the international economic relations characterized by the developmental gap are further deteriorated.

Mr. Chairman,

Our delegation is of the view that the current Summit pay particular attention to the following issues in adopting the development strategy and action plan to address the present challenges.

Firstly, this Summit should be an occasion that the countries in the South reaffirm their political will to address the present international challenges with unified strength.

The practical way for the developing countries to safeguard the right to existence and sovereignty and reform the present inequitable international economic order lies in the unity and solidarity, and collective actions among the countries in South that make up the majority of the world population.

One of the negative impacts of unilateralism on the developmental efforts of the countries in the South is weakening the foundation and environment of cooperation among themselves by disintegrating the unity of those countries.

Therefore, the countries in the South should reaffirm their political will and commitment to deal with the present challenges putting their differences in opinion in the back burner and demonstrate the power of their collective action by drawing up and implementing common strategy and action plan in conformity with the changed reality.

Secondly, this Summit should give a great impetus to further developing the south-south cooperation based on the collective self-reliance and establishing new economic relations among the countries in the South.

The south-south cooperation becomes a viable way for facilitating the development of the developing countries and establishing just and equitable international economic order.

Most recently, the New Asia-Africa Strategic Partnership has been established on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Bandung Conference which provided the basis of the south-south cooperation. This is one of the significant progress in developing the south-south cooperation in full scope.

The countries in the South should expand the scope of the south-south cooperation, taking further practical steps to systematize and institutionalize it in conformity with the reality that various initiatives for inter-continental cooperation are being put into practice and complementarities favorable for the south-south cooperation are in the make.

Our delegation also considers it important to further develop the on-going process of the south-south cooperation into the establishment of the south-south economic relations in order to guarantee the practicality of the south-south cooperation and improve its effectiveness.

Thirdly, this Summit should take practical measures for joint actions to create the international environment and conditions favorable for economic growth and development of the countries in the South.

The international development strategies and policies should aim, *inter alia*, at assisting the countries in the south endeavoring to ensuring the independence of national economy and strengthening their own capacity for development.

In recent years, a number of countries in the South are being marginalized in the world economy. This reality proves that the responsibility and regulatory function of each government in the economic management should still become

important means in formulating and implementing developmental strategy in the countries in the South.

In this respect, the countries in the South should reject resolutely any attempt to impose specific values and mode of economic development as the only recipe in the north-south negotiation fora and never tolerate unilateral coercive economic sanction measures infringing upon the sovereignty of the countries in the South.

In parallel with this, efforts should be made to take realistic measures to further revitalize the efforts of the international community to attain the UN Millennium Development Goals and to this end, strengthen the coordination of the Group 77 to ensure joint actions.

Mr. Chairman,

Today, the Korean people are striving for the building of an economically powerful state with full confidence and optimism firmly united around the respected General Kim Jong Il.

The highest socio-political stability in our country constitutes a driving force and firm guarantee for sustainable economic development and dynamic south-south cooperation.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is consistently maintaining the idea on the south-south cooperation created by the fatherly leader President Kim Il Sung as one of the guidelines of its foreign policies and

makes every possible effort to realize the common strategy and actions of the countries in the South.

The Government and people of the DPRK will continue fulfilling its responsibility and obligation for the expansion and development of the south – south cooperation, thus actively contributing to the building of a peaceful, prosperous and independent world.

In conclusion, let me reiterate my conviction that this South Summit will provide a significant occasion of developing the unity and cooperation among the developing countries into a new stage.

Thank you.