

## **Can Anyone Hear What North Korea (DPRK) Says?**

“On October 16, H.E. Mr. Kim In Ryong, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea stated at the First Committee [The First Committee of the UN General Assembly deals with disarmament and international security at the UN]:

In July, under the initiative and leading role of the non-nuclear-weapon states, the UN adopted the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty (NBT) that legally stipulates the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Nuclear-weapon-states including the U.S. and members of the military alliances like NATO took a negative stand toward the treaty from the beginning and didn’t even attend the UN meeting dealing with the NBT.

The DPRK consistently supports the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the efforts for denuclearization of the entire world. However, as long as the U.S. which constantly threatens and blackmails the DPRK with nuclear weapons rejects the NBT, the DPRK is not in position to accede to the treaty. It is well known to the whole world that the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula was created by the U.S.’s hostile policy and nuclear threat against the DPRK. For success of nuclear disarmament efforts, the countries that possess the largest nuclear arsenals should take the lead in dismantling nuclear weapons, roll back nuclear doctrines of aggressive nature, such as ‘preemptive strike’ and withdraw nuclear weapons deployed outside their own territories.”

—quotation of Mr. Kim In Ryong reported by Carla Shea, *Global Research Correspondent at the United Nations headquarters, New York. North Korea and the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. Global Research. October 19, 2017. [tinyurl.com/y7hbbklo](http://tinyurl.com/y7hbbklo)*