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Comrades attending this event as representatives of the working class in the munitions industry,

Other dear comrades,

We have reviewed our struggle in the arduous year 2022 and risen up ahead of tackling the fresh struggle in the coming new year. At this moment, aligned in fine array here in the yard of the headquarters of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea for the first time since the founding of the state and our Party, is a strike capability which our working class in the munitions industry have built through a loyal struggle for increased production, and which will form the backbone of our armed forces.

They are a truly precious and inspiring contribution.

They are powerful, in that they will give fresh strength and courage to the whole country as it greets the new year, will further highlight the historic significance of the plenary meeting of our Party, and will strike further terror and shock in the enemy.

The entire working class in the munitions industry, and their representatives,

The working class, scientists and officials in the

defence industry, with their indefatigable and limitless energy and sense of mission, have fully displayed the infinite revolutionary zeal and mettle and the thoroughgoing and perfect pattern of creation which are the original features and the hallmark of the working class in the munitions industry. By doing so, they have, until the last day of the arduous year 2022, made an outstanding contribution to the advancement and development of our revolution. On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party and the government of the Republic, and reflecting the hearts of all the Party members and other people, as well as the soldiers of the People's Army across the country, I extend warm thanks to them.

Indeed, I invariably feel solemn and respectful when I think of the unparalleled patriotism, loyalty and creativity of our working class in the munitions industry and their heroic struggle to increase production, and I extend to them warm thanks upon warm thanks and make a deep bow before them.

Comrades, cast your eyes.

I feel truly invigorated.

Despite myself, I am invigorated at the sight. I think this is not merely because I am aware of their value and power, but may also be because they are

permeated with the patriotism and loyalty of our working class who are devoting their all to our revolution in the severe struggle and in the face of trials, and because I am proud that we have made these unique Juche-type weapons through our own wisdom and efforts.

The working class in the munitions industry, having accepted as a demand of the revolution and people, and of their lives, the Party Central Committee's resolve and plan to raise the supremacy of our armed forces to the highest level without any hesitation and without any letup, rose up as one with a determination to build a larger number of 600mm-calibre multiple launch rocket systems for the People's Army, and launched a campaign of loyalty in late October.

As was the same case when, three years ago, we first developed this weapon, which the world had previously never conceived of, our working class in the munitions industry on this occasion, too, performed miracles day after day by displaying a super-human spirit.

I have heard that the complex involved, while stepping up production to attain the crucial targets in bringing about a revolution in the defence industry, in

accordance with the decision of the Eighth Party Congress, assembled one, even two, additional gigantic systems every two days, in the course of which it created an astonishing production record.

As it had done in the past, this factory, in the recent struggle for increased production, once again demonstrated to the full its tradition and trait of always supporting the Party and promoting the country's prosperity with loyalty and in practice. In this way, it produced this proud crystallization of patriotism and loyalty.

This year the working class in the munitions industry have truly worked admirably.

Much more so than in any previous years, this year was a particularly arduous one, when our state was faced with the most daunting challenges in its history. But the defence industry rose up and offered strong support for the agricultural front by supplying our cooperative farms with as many as 5 000 farm machines. This was very inspiring. But that is not all.

Many munitions factories and enterprises have waged a tenacious struggle, and made undaunted efforts in high spirits with a firm determination to defend the Party and revolution by means of an unmatched military capability. In this way, they have

made a tangible contribution to increasing our state's defence capability incomparably in 2022, a year full of adversity.

I am immensely grateful to and deeply admiring our working class in the munitions industry for the ardent patriotism and loyalty they have displayed in working for the Party and revolution throughout this year. And as we see now, the complex, by working with loyalty and pure conscience up to the last day of the year, has been able to hand over to our Party, along with the hearts of all the working class in the munitions industry, thirty 600mm-calibre super-large multiple launch rocket systems, the main strike weapon most desired by our Party, for which our army had been waiting most anxiously.

This represents an eye-opening success that has demonstrated to the whole world the unique patriotism and loyalty, inexhaustible potential and revolutionary fighting mettle of our working class in the munitions industry, who have shouldered full responsibility for the development of the military technology of the armed forces of our Republic.

We should never forget their historic service and hard work.

Comrades,

Our working class in the munitions industry regard, as a source of their exceptional honour and pride, the priceless title of *Revolutionary Industry of the Workers' Party of Korea*. As we have seen, they are invariably honourable and faithful to the cause of the Party and revolution.

It is the greatest pride of our Party to have a self-supporting defence industry which displays such heroism and possesses such unique features and absolute strength, and which is something no other country in the world could have or hope to build.

The entire working class in the munitions industry always accept it as their main duty to relieve our Party of its anxiety and worries, prioritize before anybody else the problems that concern it, even though they may number thousands or tens of thousands, support it unconditionally, and fulfil their responsibilities without yielding. They are true revolutionaries and patriots, and model heroes.

Comrades,

The military hardware which the working class in the munitions industry have handed over to the Party and revolution today, in terms of military technology, has the capability to negotiate the most complex terrain, is highly manoeuvrable and can conduct the

surprise and precision launch of multiple rockets. Moreover, since it has south Korea as a whole within its strike range and is capable of carrying tactical nuclear warheads, it may in the future discharge its combat mission of overpowering the enemy as a core, offensive weapon of our armed forces.

At this moment, when, thanks to the devoted struggle of the working class in the munitions industry for increased production, we are handing an additional 30 units of offensive military hardware of great importance over to the People's Army, I cannot suppress the surging excitement and emotion.

In extending warm thanks once again to our working class in the munitions industry, I would like to conclude by making an ardent appeal to them.

Our Party and the government of our Republic have declared their resolute will—"Response with nuke for nuke and all-out confrontation for all-out confrontation"—in order to deal with the enemy's rash acts and reckless moves.

Our working class in the munitions industry should surely guarantee this declaration, this staunch will to deal with the enemy, with matchless sword, spear and shield.

All the revolutionary fighters in the munitions

industry should harden their indomitable faith and militant spirit with which to carry out to the last the grand strategy of defence development set out by the Party Central Committee. They should turn out as one and strive to produce powerful Juche-type weapons which will completely overwhelm the US imperialist aggressive forces and their puppet army.

Our revolution and the prevailing situation demand that, by concentrating our efforts on ensuring the continuous development of our defence industry, we increase the state's defence capability without interruption so as to fully guarantee a reliable and solid security environment for the development of socialism.

As long as we have our laudable and trustworthy working class in the munitions industry who, by challenging the difficulties and impossibilities on the strength of Juche, achieve transformations and leaps forward, along with our great people, who are rallied around the Party with one mind and one will, our Party's cause of building a powerful army is sure to succeed.

Filled with courageous mettle and due self-assurance, let us all fight with redoubled courage and great confidence to bring earlier an even greater

victory and glory by launching a more gigantic struggle and working new miracles.

The year 2022 is drawing to a close. It has been an unforgettable year in which we have struggled and advanced undauntedly for our revolution and socialism, braving every manner of trial. At this moment, I extend warm greetings for the new year 2023 to all our working class in the munitions industry, defence scientists and officials, as well as their dear families, who have provided a distinctive and significant finale to this year through this meaningful handover ceremony.

Thank you.

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