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Press Statement by First Vice-Foreign Minister of DPRK

Pyongyang, August 31 (KCNA) -- Choe Son Hui, first vice-foreign minister of the DPRK, released the following statement on Saturday:

A series of awful remarks provoking us is recently heard from the upper echelons of the U.S. administration.

U.S. State Secretary Pompeo again irritated us by spouting such unreasonable words on Aug. 27 that the U.S. "recognized North Korea's rogue behavior could not be ignored."

What he uttered to seriously insult us by even using such phrase as "rogue behavior" is just improper language, for which the U.S. administration will surely regret.

Pompeo has gone so far in his language and it made the opening of the expected DPRK-U.S. working-level negotiations more difficult. It, moreover, added to the Korean people's bad blood toward Americans.

Our expectations of dialogue with the U.S. are gradually disappearing and we are being pushed to reexamine all the measures we have taken so far.

We are very curious about the background of the American top diplomat's thoughtless remarks and we will watch what calculations he has.

The U.S. had better not put any longer our patience to the test with such remarks irritating us if it doesn't want to have bitter regrets afterwards.