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Dear youth delegates,

Dear foreign youth representatives,

The Sixth Congress of the League of Socialist Working Youth is an event of great importance in the lives of all our young men and women and the entire people of our country. At this moment the congress is successfully carrying out its work; it enjoys the great interest and hope of our Party and our people and has the warm support and encouragement of many young friends and progressive people in foreign countries.

The Party Central Committee is very satisfied with the smooth progress of the congress work and wishes it success.

I should like to offer my warm congratulations and thanks to the delegates of the congress and to all the LSWY members and young people of our country—the courageous young fighters who have always been true to our Party's call and are devoting themselves to implementing the Party's policies.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and all the Korean people, I also sincerely welcome foreign youth representatives who have come to our country to congratulate the congress.

Comrades,

The Korean youth movement, in company with the communist movement in our country, has traversed the historic path of proud struggle, and the young people of Korea have glorious

revolutionary traditions. For nearly half a century, ever since the formation of the Down-with-Imperialism Union, our country's first revolutionary youth organization, Korean youth have fought bravely for the independence of our homeland and the freedom of the people, for the victory of the cause of communism. Our youth shed a great deal of blood in the wars against Japanese and US imperialism, as well as against domestic reactionaries, and suffered many harsh ordeals. Under the leadership of the communists, however, they overcame all hardships and trials and fought staunchly along the road of revolution. With their heroic and self-sacrificing struggle, our young people set a noble example as young communist revolutionary fighters and accomplished great exploits which will shine for ever in our people's revolutionary history. The brilliant revolutionary traditions of our country's youth movement were established during the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle for national freedom and liberation.

The LSWY which sprang from the deep roots of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, inheriting its brilliant revolutionary traditions, and all the young people, have given full scope to their energies and talents in the struggle to establish a new social system in our country free from exploitation and oppression and in the great work of construction to build up our homeland into a rich and strong socialist industrial state. All the brilliant achievements of our people in the revolutionary struggle and work of construction are associated with the heroic work and endeavours

of millions of our young men and women; the great creations of socialism made on this land symbolize the immortal deeds performed by Korean youth for our homeland and people. The young people of our era should feel proud of the achievements attained through their heroic efforts and creative work.

Our young people have changed beyond recognition both mentally and morally through their fruitful struggle for the revolution and construction. They are now ideologically sound. All our young people can defend the purity of Marxist-Leninist ideology and they are unanimous in their resolve to remain loyal to the Party and the revolution for ever. They are permeated with our Party's revolutionary ideas. As befits young people in a revolutionary era, our young people like exertion and work; they faithfully participate in political, organizational life, always lead frugal lives and help and lead each other forward, one for all and all for one. This is characteristic of their fine qualities; it is the revolutionary spirit of the heroic Korean youth. Our Party and people are very happy and proud to have such exemplary young people.

We can say with great pride that we have well-trained masters who will bear the destinies of the homeland and the people on their shoulders.

Comrades,

The young people are heirs to our revolutionary cause.

An advanced socialist system has been set up in our country thanks to the heroic endeavours of the people including young

people. Under this system they are enjoying new, happy and worthwhile lives. However, the revolutionary struggle does not come to an end with the establishment of the socialist system and the building of the material and technical foundations of socialism.

Our revolutionary cause has not been completed, and we have liberated only a half of the country so far. US imperialism, the inveterate enemy of our people, occupies half of our territory, and Japanese militarism with US imperialist backing has revived and is intensifying its plans to resume its aggression. In south Korea under the occupation of US imperialism, the landlords, comprador capitalists and the reactionary bureaucratic clique of pro-US and pro-Japanese stooges are still entrenched and the reactionary colonial regime of fascist rule still remains. As long as imperialism and reactionaries and their underlings remain, we cannot discontinue our revolutionary struggle.

Generations pass, but the revolution continues. Although the goals of the revolution remain unaltered, change of generations has taken place and the new generation which has grown up since liberation is already emerging as master of our state and society. Only when the new, rising generation takes over the revolution can it be carried forward and our sacred revolutionary cause be accomplished.

It is precisely you, the young people of our age, who are entrusted with the glorious task of taking over the revolution and carrying it forward until our country is completely liberated and reunified and the nationwide victory of the Korean revolution is

achieved, and until imperialism is destroyed throughout the world. Even after the country is reunified and the nationwide socialist revolution is won, our young people must continue the revolution until the building of communism is completed. Furthermore, our young people have the duty to fight, in company with the progressive youth of the world, to win victory for the cause of anti-imperialist revolution and the cause of socialism and communism throughout the world.

The young people should not be content with victories, but should fight unremittingly for fresh revolutionary victories, and they should prove themselves worthy heirs to our revolution.

If the young people are to take over and carry forward the revolution, they must, among other things, continue to revolutionize and working-classize themselves. Although revolutionization is necessary for everyone, it is especially necessary for the younger generation who have not experienced the ordeals of revolutionary struggle.

Our young people must arm themselves firmly with Marxist-Leninist ideology, with our Party's revolutionary ideas, make a deep study of its glorious revolutionary traditions, and tirelessly learn from the lofty revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners. As their lives become happier, our young people should not forget the past when our people were exploited and oppressed and should equip themselves firmly with revolutionary working-class awareness. All the young people should recognize the aggressive nature of imperialism,

particularly US imperialism and Japanese militarism, and the exploiting nature of landlords and capitalists, should hate the enemy and fight with tenacity against imperialism and the system of exploitation.

Strengthening organizational life in the LSWY is one important way to revolutionize and working-classize young people. All the younger generation of our country spend their youth in the LSWY organizations. Life in the LSWY represents the political, organizational life of the LSWY members and is an excellent school for their ideological training. Our young people should participate loyally in the organizational life of the LSWY and train themselves well politically and ideologically, so that they establish a revolutionary world outlook and thoroughly revolutionize and working-classize themselves while in the LSWY.

In this way, all our young people will become genuine revolutionary fighters for communism, who are infinitely faithful to the revolutionary cause of the working class, and will continue struggling resolutely for the final victory of our revolution.

Comrades,

Socialist construction is an important revolutionary task of the young people of today.

Our people, under the leadership of the Workers' Party, have already done a great deal of work in socialist construction. Our socialist system has been further consolidated and our country has become a powerful socialist industrial state. The independent socialist national economy which our people have built up by

working hard with a spirit of self-reliance is demonstrating its increased strength, and, in general, the people's material well-being and cultural standards have markedly improved.

Our struggle has now become more powerful and fruitful and broader vistas are opening before us. We have to fight forcefully to consolidate and develop the successes achieved in socialist construction and to carry into effect the magnificent new programme of socialist construction put forward by the Fifth Congress of our Party.

The new struggle for socialist construction calls for more energetic work on the part of the young people.

Young people constitute a great force on the labour front for building a new society. The Party has faith in their strength and talents and reposes great hopes in them.

Our young people must all take a more active part in the sacred struggle for the building of a rich, strong and beautiful socialist motherland, and give full play to their great youthful energy and wisdom in this fruitful struggle. Young people must, as they have done in the past, take the lead in doing difficult and arduous work to fulfil the Six-Year Plan, and perform even more remarkable feats of labour in socialist construction.

The extractive industries, agriculture and the construction sites of great projects to transform nature provide a great challenge for our young people. At present the Party is making great efforts in those sectors and hopes that young people will play a greater role there. More young people must go to work in collieries, mines,

forestry, fishing, agriculture, construction sites of power stations and tideland reclamation, and assistance has to be given to those sectors in an all-inclusive mass movement.

A great new upsurge will take place in the socialist construction of our country when strong, vigorous and brave young people fight, as a shock force for socialist construction, in all branches of the national economy, giving it all their strength and wisdom.

Young people must not only bear the brunt of difficult and backbreaking work; they must also become the vanguard in carrying out the technical revolution.

Today our country has entered a new stage of technological development. The technical revolution, with its three major fields of emphasis, is one of the central tasks of socialist economic construction set forth by the Party at the present stage; it is an honourable task aimed at developing the country's productive forces to a higher level in order to ensure the complete victory of socialism and emancipate all the working people from backbreaking labour.

The successful fulfilment of the tasks of the technical revolution put forward by our Party depends largely on the young people who are sensitive to the new and highly enterprising. Our young people must devote all their wisdom and energies to carrying out the glorious tasks assigned to them successfully.

In order to be pioneers in the technical revolution young people must acquire modern science and technology.

Ours is an era of rapid scientific and technological development. Modern science and technology have been widely introduced and are playing an increasingly greater role in production and construction. Today, without scientific knowledge and technical skill, our national economy cannot be advanced even an inch, nor can young people play the role of shock force and pioneers in socialist construction.

The LSWY organizations must organize a mass campaign amongst the young people to master science and technology, and all of them must make every effort to learn new techniques. Without exception, they must learn hard and acquire more than one kind of technical skill, and master the techniques of their own particular branches of work.

Young people should play the vanguard role in popularizing new techniques and should take an active part in the movement for technological innovation. There should be no conservatism or mystification about technology among our young people. In all fields of the national economy they must oppose conservatism and mystification which hinder technological progress, strive to create new techniques and establish new records boldly by scrapping old technical norms and devise rational work methods and efficient machines. In this way, all the production processes will be mechanized and automated as soon as possible by the wisdom and efforts of our young people, thus freeing the working people from difficult and exhausting work.

It is important to care for and scrupulously protect the wealth

which has already been created, while increasing the wealth of the country and society. Our young people should look after all the property of the country and society with devotion and work hard in managing the nation's economic life.

We are building socialism face to face with the enemy in a divided country. Our people, young people in particular, must both accelerate socialist economic construction to the utmost and continue to make great efforts to increase the nation's defence capabilities and be fully prepared to deal with war. Defending the socialist homeland is a sacred duty of our young people. They must all advance and defend the socialist homeland militarily and politically.

Our young people must oppose all expressions of indolence and weariness and must always keep themselves alert and ready against the enemy's aggressive moves. They should never be lulled into a mood of pacifism and, in particular, should guard strictly against the infiltration into our ranks of the revisionist ideological trend of fearing war. All young people must have a firm ideological resolve to meet and fight the enemy bravely if he attacks us.

The young soldiers of the People's Army and the Security Forces who guard the posts of national defence must make the nation's defence lines impregnable. They must participate in combat and political training with great energy and increase their units' combat efficiency and combat readiness in every way.

Worker-Peasant Red Guards, Young Red Guards and all our

young men and women, as well as People's Army soldiers, should be earnest in studying military affairs, take an active part in military training and perseveringly study war experiences. Our young people, in company with the entire people, should build socialism successfully, firmly defending their posts and the socialist homeland with a rifle in one hand and a hammer or a sickle in the other.

The enemy of revolution is viciously scheming to undermine our socialist system from within and destroy the achievements of socialist construction. Young people must keep sharp revolutionary vigilance at all times and in all places and resolutely guard against the enemy's subversion and sabotage aimed at the factories, enterprises, railways, harbours and other production facilities, cultural establishments and all the property of cooperative farms which have been built up at the cost of our people's sweat and blood.

Comrades,

Our LSWY members and young people are confronted with the sacred task of giving active support to the south Korean youth and students in their fight against US imperialism and its stooges and for freedom, liberation and reunification of the country.

The south Korean youth movement constitutes an honourable part of the Korean youth movement as a whole. The south Korean young people and students have a brilliant tradition of heroic combat against foreign imperialist aggressors; they have waged a tireless struggle against the US and Japanese imperialists and their

successive lackeys. Through their heroic struggle, they have defended our nation's honour and dignity and demonstrated the ardent patriotism and revolutionary mettle of the Korean youth.

At this very moment, young people and students in south Korea, braving the enemy's brutal oppression and terrorism, are fighting admirably for the democratization of education and for democratic freedom and liberation. The flames of anti-imperialist, anti-fascist struggle for democracy which they sparked off have already been raging fiercely for three months this year. Their fight against the US and Japanese imperialists and their henchmen has a great impact on the development of the revolutionary movement in south Korea. Their patriotic struggle is playing an important role in awakening broad sections of the south Korean masses who desire national liberation and the country's reunification and in planting the seeds of revolution in their minds.

Our people value the courageous struggle of the south Korean young people and students highly and will always remember the priceless deeds they have performed in the noble fight for national liberation.

In order to fulfil their sacred duty in our people's national-liberation struggle, the young people of south Korea must continue to wage a forceful anti-US, anti-Japanese and anti-puppet fight. The south Korean people, youth and students can attain genuine freedom and liberation only when they have driven out the US imperialist aggressors and smashed their stooges; they can avert the danger of a new disaster only when they have frustrated

the Japanese militarists' plans to reinvade Korea.

At present, the south Korean people, youth and students must fan the flames of anti-fascist struggle for the introduction of democracy. To achieve the democratization of south Korean society is the most urgent task right now in the fight of the south Korean people, youth and students against foreign imperialist aggressors and their lackeys. There can be no social progress or successful development of the youth movement as long as the people's liberties and democratic rights are trampled upon and fascist repression and despotism prevail.

The young people and students of south Korea must fight more resolutely against the subordination of educational institutions to the military purpose and commercial exploitation in these institutions and for the freedom of speech, the press, assembly, demonstration and association as well as the freedom of action by political parties and social organizations, and should smash all of the enemy's efforts at fascist repression of the progressive youth, students and people.

In order to win their struggle they must strengthen their ranks and unite with the broad masses of all social strata and, especially, must closely coordinate their movement with the fight of the workers and peasants. Mixing widely with the masses of the workers and peasants, they should constantly increase their revolutionary consciousness and strengthen organizational ties with them through various forms of joint struggle. When their fight is linked with that of the workers and peasants, it will be stronger;

when the workers, peasants, young people, students and all other patriotic people of south Korea rise up and fight in a body, the south Korean revolution will be crowned with brilliant victory.

The puppet clique in south Korea is now seeking to prolong its power by despotic military suppression and other vicious methods, but there is no doubt that it will be overthrown before long by the nationwide resistance of the students and other youth and the broad masses of the people in south Korea just as the old Syngman Rhee puppet clique was overthrown.

Young people in the northern half of Korea and in south Korea are the proud rising generation of Korea who will be responsible for the future of a reunified homeland. The south Korean young people must extricate themselves from the colonial rule of the US imperialists as soon as possible, so that they can study as much as they wish and let their youthful wisdom and talents flower under a promising socialist system, like our young people in the northern half of Korea.

The young people in the north must do all they can to support and encourage the just struggle of the south Korean youth. This is their sacred duty. All our LSWY members and other young people must not forget even for a moment the misery of young people in south Korea, and must always lead a strenuous, militant life, feeling that they are part of the same fighting ranks, and work hard to build up the revolutionary base in the northern half of Korea.

The south Korean people and youth are fighting under very difficult conditions, and they still have a thorny path to follow. But

the south Korean youth will overcome all hardships and expand their fighting ranks and, in this way, eventually carry out their lofty mission in our people's national-liberation struggle with credit.

The just struggle of the students and other south Korean people against the US and Japanese imperialists and their lackeys will definitely emerge victorious with the active support of the people, including the young people, in the northern half of Korea and with the warm encouragement of the young people and other progressive people all over the world. In south Korea the sacred cause of national-liberation democratic revolution will be accomplished without fail.

Comrades,

The development of the revolutionary struggle of Korean young people is closely tied to the struggle of progressive youth all over the world for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism. In order to achieve the cause of national liberation, our young people and the rest of the people should constantly strengthen their solidarity with progressive youth and other people throughout the world, at the same time as they expand the revolutionary forces in north and south Korea. Strengthening solidarity with the international revolutionary forces is an important factor in driving the US imperialist aggressors out of south Korea and achieving the reunification of our country and the nationwide victory of the Korean revolution.

US imperialism is the most savage, most heinous aggressor of

modern times and the chief enemy of peace, national independence and socialism. The young people of Korea should continue to fight resolutely against the policy of aggression and war pursued by the imperialists headed by US imperialism, and should closely unite in this struggle with the progressive youth of the world. Our young people must unite with the young people of all countries who are fighting against imperialism for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism, and support their struggle and strive to win greater international support for our people's anti-US struggle.

Today US imperialism is bent on aggression and war all over the world and, in particular, directs the spearhead of aggression at Asia. Not a day passes which does not see the flames of war kindled by US imperialism in Asia.

Our young people, in greater unity with the fighting youth of all the Asian countries, should fight to frustrate US imperialist aggression in Asia and to drive the aggressive forces of US imperialism out of the southern half of our country, Taiwan, South Vietnam and the rest of Indochina—out of all parts of Asia. In unity with all the anti-imperialist forces in Asia and the world, our Korean young people should foil the ambition of Japanese militarism, regenerated under the aegis of US imperialism, to invade our country again.

This congress is being attended by many young anti-imperialist fighters of the world. This is a striking demonstration of the international solidarity of young people in the anti-imperialist

struggle. You have not only congratulated this congress warmly, but have also expressed active support to our young and other people in their fight against US imperialist aggression and Japanese militarist reinvasion scheme and for the country's reunification. This support and encouragement mean a lot to us. We are very grateful for it and express our warm thanks to you.

It is very good for the victory of the common anti-imperialist cause that the young people and other progressive people of the world are firmly united and give support and encouragement to one another. More than anything else the imperialists are afraid of young men and women and other people joining forces in precisely this way. That is why they are resorting to all kinds of tricks to obstruct the international unity of the people, young people in particular, and to break up the anti-imperialist front. It is necessary to sharpen vigilance against the plots of the imperialists to split the anti-imperialist revolutionary forces and so frustrate them.

Our young people are now living in a great age of revolution, an age of struggle when imperialism is losing and socialism is winning on a worldwide scale. The ranks of the youth and other people fighting against imperialism keep growing in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and in the capitalist countries of Europe—in all parts of the world. Opposition to imperialism and aspiration towards socialism is the irresistible trend of our times. Imperialism is on the decline and the imperialists find themselves in an ever-worsening dilemma. The general situation is developing

decisively in favour of the revolutionary cause of the peoples.

Our youth, in company with the progressive young people of the whole world, should hold the banner of struggle against imperialism higher and work even harder to consolidate the fighting ranks of the young people opposed to imperialism. In this way, the flames of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle will rage more fiercely in Asia and Europe, in Africa and Latin America, and in all countries, large and small—in all parts of the world.

The anti-imperialist revolutionary cause of the peoples will definitely triumph. Imperialism and all reactionaries will be completely destroyed by the struggle of the peoples. This is an inexorable law of historical development.

As in the past, so in the future, young Korean people must fight unflinchingly for the reunification of our country and for the final victory of the Korean revolution, for the building of a new world free from imperialism, exploitation and oppression; they must fight in unity with the young people of the socialist countries, in unity with the fighting Asian, African and Latin American young people and in unity with all the progressive youth of the world, holding high the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle.

Comrades,

The LSWY is the glorious revolutionary organization of Korean youth led by the Workers' Party. The triumphant advance of the communist youth movement in our country and the brilliant

feats and achievements of the LSWY are all attributable to the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea. The further consolidation and development of the LSWY and the bright future of the young people of Korea are inconceivable without our Party's leadership. In the future, the LSWY must be unfailingly loyal to the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, just as it has been in the past.

The road ahead of the LSWY and the young people of Korea will be filled with glory and brilliant victories as they march steadfastly forward under our Party's leadership, following the revolutionary banner of the Juche idea.

I am firmly convinced that in the future all our LSWY members and young people, as the heirs to our revolution, will carry out their glorious revolutionary duty with honour and will reliably carry forward our revolution.