Ten Great Principles of the Establishment of the Unitary Ideology System

Preamble 1. “I: Struggle with all your life to paint the entire society the single color of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s revolutionary thought. It is considered the highest doctrine of our party to paint the entire society the single color of the Great Leader’s revolutionary thought, and a higher level of task is to construct our party’s unitary ideology system.

1) The implementation of a unitary ideology system must be constantly strengthened in connection with the principles.

2) Strengthen the Party of the glorious Leader KIM Il Sung, for the Great Leader KIM Il Sung who founded our Party.

3) Fight with devotion to protect and create a solid foundation of the authoritarian rules of a proletariat and socialist system established by the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung.

4) Dedicate everything to fighting to maintain the great revolutionary value of Juche Ideology, for unification of our motherland and the revolutionary victory of the whole country, for our nation’s socialism and the accomplishment of communism.

5) Fight till the end for the victory of Juche Ideology all over the entire world.

Preamble 2. Respect and revere highly and with loyalty the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung. Highly revering the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the noblest duty of the revolutionary warriors who are endlessly loyal to the great leader. Within this lies the glory of our nation and the eternal happiness of our people.

1) The Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung is a genius of the revolution, the sun of the

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* Ten great principles of the Establishment of the Unitary Ideology System is the highest norm that governs the daily lives of North Korean people. It was proposed by Kim Yong-Ju (the youngest brother of Kim Il-Sung) in 1967 and officially declared by Kim Jong-il in 1974. It is consists of 10 main principles and 65 specific directives which governs the thoughts and behavior of North Korean people. By idolizing Kim Il-Sung’s ruling, the 10 principles operate as legal tools to restrain people’s freedom of politics, religion and expression, as well as a justification for harsh punishment if not followed.

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people and a legendary hero whom we must respect unendingly, revere eternally and come to with the greatest happiness and glory.

2) Even in a short life, live only for the Great Leader, devote our youth and life for him and keep loyal minds toward the Great Leader even under unfavorable circumstances.

3) Believe firmly in the way pointed to by our Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung, entrust our fate to the Great Leader and devote our bodies and spirits for the revolutionary fight driven by the Great Leader, carrying with us always, the strong belief that there is nothing impossible if we are under the leadership of the Great Leader.

Preamble 3. Make absolute the authority of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung. Affirming the absolute nature of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s authority is the supreme demand of our revolutionary task and the revolutionary volition of our party and people.

1) Have a firm position and perspective that no one else has the knowledge required, only the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung.

2) Protect through the political thought and defend ‘till the end of life the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung.

3) Propagate inside and outside the greatness of our Dear Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung.

4) Protect the Great Leader from attacks and criticism of every possible revisionism and enemy and defend the power and authority of our Dear Leader KIM Il Sung.

5) Regard as an emergency situation and pursue unyielding the fight against even the smallest challenge that could damage the authority and power of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung.

6) Respectfully worship our beloved Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s sculptures, plaster casts, bronze statues, badges with portraits, art developed by the Great Leader, board with Great Leader’s instructions, basic mottos of the Party.

7) Respectfully manage and thoroughly protect the records and sites of revolutionary struggle and the revolutionary history of our Beloved Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung and the Party’s Unitary Ideology stronghold Museum of the Revolutionary Activities of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Research Institute of Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s Revolutionary Thought.

Preamble 4. Accept the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s revolutionary thought as your belief and take the Great Leader’s instructions as your creed. Accepting the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s thought as one’s own belief and taking his instructions as one’s creed is the most crucial element requested for one to become an endlessly loyal Juche communist warrior. It is also a precondition for the victory of our revolutionary struggle and its construction.

1) Our Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s revolutionary thought and Juche ideology must be realized through our united belief and must be experienced in the flesh and bones of every person.

2) Our Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s instructions must be adopted through a steadfast belief and firm principles in regards to all enterprises and in each person’s life.
3) Unconditionally accept, treat as a non-negotiable condition, and decide everything based upon our Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s instructions and in every act think only about the greatness of our Leader.

4) Systematically and fully master the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s laborious works, guidelines and his splendid revolutionary history.

5) Participate without absence in more than 2 hours of study groups, lectures and collective studies devoted to revolutionary ideas of Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung, ensure discipline for these studies and make these studies a habitual part of daily life, at the same time struggling with any contradictions or neglect towards ensuring such studies are always completed.

6) The system of delivering the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s guidelines must be thoroughly studied, and the Leader’s instructions and Party goals have to be communicated exactly and without misinterpretations or usage of one’s own words, and in a timely manner.

7) Use considerately the guidelines of the Leader when preparing reports, discussions, lectures or printed materials and eliminate any words or writing that is contrary to his instructions.

8) There must be a strict distinction between the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s guidelines and individual party executives instructions and it must be investigated if individual official’s instructions are matching the Leader’s ones. In the situation where there is but a slight difference, we must see it as a problem and fight against it. We must not deliver or collectively discuss the individual cadre’s statements as “conclusions” and “instructions.”

9) Struggle with provocative calumnies directed against our Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s guidelines and Party policy or with anti-Party activities.

10) Fight with all one’s will against anti-Party and anti-revolutionary thinking trends that have its origin in capitalistic ideas, feudal Confucian ideas, revisionism, dogmatism, toadyism and are contrary to the revolutionary thought of the Great Leader KIM Il Sung. Hold on to the purity of revolutionary thought and Juche ideas of the Great Leader.

Preamble 5. Observe absolutely the principle of unconditional execution in carrying out the instructions of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung. Unconditionally executing the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s instructions is the basic requisite for proving loyalty towards the Great Leader, and the ultimate condition for the victory of our revolutionary struggle and its establishment.

1) Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s instructions must be viewed as a legal and supreme order and unconditionally realized without excuses or trivial reasons, but with endless loyalty and sacrifice.

2) Regard as a holy duty and supreme glory reducing the concerns of our Beloved Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung and fight for it with complete dedication.

3) To realize the guidelines of Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung, bring creative ideas and if the Great Leader presents his conclusion on some issue it must be accurately executed according to the centralism principle.

4) Once the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s instructions and Party policy is accepted, it must be collectively discussed, the right policy implemented, a suitable concrete plan established and with creation of organized political work, pursue it in a
5) For the execution of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s instructions the registrar must be made, implementation of them must be standardized, taught to others and implemented without ceasing.

6) Fight against those who accept our Beloved Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s instructions only in letter and sabotage the implementation of these instructions, show irresponsible or an incorrect attitude and oppose unhealthy situations that have its root in formalism, self-protectionism and neglect.

Preamble 6. Rally the unity of ideological intellect and revolutionary solidarity around the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung. The steel-like unity of the party is the source of the party’s invincible power, and a firm assurance of the victory of our revolution.

1) Defend the unity of ideological intellect around the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung and consolidate it more ever more firmly.

2) At all localities and all guard posts, strengthen the solidarity of the ideological intellect of the columns through revolutionary struggle based on loyalty to the Great Leader.

3) As a rule, evaluate and treat all people using the degree of loyalty to the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung as the yardstick and struggle against livelihoods that are at odds with the sole ideological system of the Party regardless of one’s position and distinctions.

4) Strictly oppose any situation of having illusions about or idolizing or advocating through flattery individual officials and eradicate the problem of giving gifts to each other.

5) Resolutely struggle in opposition to anti-Party elements such as factionalism, regionalism, and nepotism that could destroy the uniform solidarity of the Party and never waver at the slightest hint of such menace to completely overcome it.

Preamble 7. Learn from the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung and master communist dignity, the methods of achieving revolution tasks, and the people’s work styles. Learning the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung’s communist dignity, the methods of achieving revolutionary tasks, and the people’s work styles are the divine duties of all members of the party and workers, and the prerequisite for fulfilling the honorary fate of revolutionary warriors.

1) Possess a high disposition to the Party, the working class, and the people that puts the interests of the Party, the working class, and the people first, and sacrifice everything for them.

2) Fight on tenaciously with uncompromising combative spirit, firm revolutionary principle, indomitable revolutionary spirit, and faith in certain victory against the enemy class.

3) Handle all works frugally and boldly with responsibility and overcome the barriers by assuming the attitude of a revolutionary master and highly exercising the revolutionary spirit of self reliance.

4) Oppose senility and stagnation, indolence and slackening and remain awash with a
flourishing fighting spirit and passion to always work militantly, and reject passivity and conservative tendencies and embark in all undertakings boldly and grandly.

5) Solidly establish revolutionary perspective from a group point of view, thoroughly carry through the Cheongsan-ri spirit and Cheongsan-ri method, and penetrate deep into the crowd to teach them and study from them and live together with them.

6) Exhibit highly the revolutionary character of setting an example for others and always take the lead in doing difficult and hard work.

7) Always be humble and unceremonious in undertakings and in life.

8) Thoroughly reject old methods such as bureaucracy, subjectivism, formalism, and dogmatism.

Preamble 8. Preserve dearly the political life the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung has bestowed upon you, and repay loyally with high political awareness and skill for the Great Leader’s boundless political trust and considerations. It is our highest honor to have bestowed upon us political life by the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung and repaying his trust loyally can lead to a bright future for our political life.

1) Consider political life as the first life, never bend one’s political beliefs and revolutionary integrity. Learn to throw away like bits of straw, one’s physical life for political life.

2) Value the revolutionary organization, subordinate personal interests to organizational interests, and conspicuously display the collective spirit.

3) Consciously participate in organizational life to standardize and normalize the undertakings and said life.

4) Faithfully execute organizational decisions and mandate notification.

5) Actively participate in two-days and weekly organizational life summing up to self-actualize the Great Leader’s teachings and Party policy and to sum up one’s undertakings and life on a high politico-ideological level, to embark in an ideological struggle by the method of criticism and continuously train and reconstruct oneself through the ideological struggle.

6) Engage in the execution of the revolutionary task, faithfully participate in labor and bring near completion of the revolution through a revolutionary practice process.

7) Display high political fervor and elevate the level of political theory and technical administration to handsomely execute the revolutionary mission to repay the Leader’s great political trust and care of granting the most precious political life.

Preamble 9. Establish a strong organizational discipline so that the entire Party, the entire people, and the entire military will operate uniformly under the sole leadership of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung. Establishing a strong organizational discipline is the essential requirement to strengthen the party’s collective ideology, leadership, and its combat power. It is also a firm assurance for the victory of our revolutionary struggle and its establishment.

1) Execute the revolution and associated construction with the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung’s revolutionary ideology as the sole guiding principle and thoroughly establish the Great Leader’s sole leadership system that makes the entire Party, country and military move in unison according to the teachings and orders of the Great Leader.

2) Establish a strong revolutionary order and rules that organize and advance all
undertakings according to the Leader’s sole leadership system and handle policy questions solely through the teachings of the Great Leader and the conclusion of the Party.

3) Firmly secure the Party’s leadership on revolutionary struggle and all construction undertakings in all parts and units and the state economic apparatus. Labor group workers ought to organize and advance all undertaking according to the Party and under the Party’s lead.

4) Accurately execute the decisions and orders of the Party and State to carry through the teachings of the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung; struggle robustly against the situation of wrongly interpreting or altering said decisions and orders, and strictly abide by the law and rules of the State.

5) Do not allow any non-organizational phenomena such as individual cadre officials arbitrarily summoning an organized meeting of the lower-level Party, state apparatus or labor groups or arbitrarily reaching a “conclusion” in the meeting or bringing out an organization for social movement without organizational approval.

6) Oppose and actively struggle against all kinds of behaviors by individual cadre which go against the principles such as the individual abuse of power or authority.

7) Evaluate and position the cadre using the loyalty to the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung as the basic yardstick, robustly struggle against and thoroughly apply the order and Party rules established by the Leader’s undertakings on handling problems with favoritism and acquaintance of relatives, friends, region, school and teachers and individual leaders arbitrarily firing or hiring each other.

8) Oppose and sharply struggle against the situation of leaking Party, State and military secrets.

9) Timely report to the Party organization the non-organizational and disorderly situations that violate the Party’s unitary ideological system and sole leadership constitution whether it is big or small.

Preamble 10. The great revolutionary accomplishments pioneered by the Great Leader Comrade KIM Il Sung must be succeeded and perfected by hereditary succession until the end. The firm establishment of the sole leadership system is the crucial assurance for the preservation and development of the Great leader’s revolutionary accomplishments, while achieving the final victory of the revolution.

1) Firmly establish the sole ideological system over the Party and whole society and firmly establish the central Party’s sole leadership constitution under the lead of the Great Leader to succeed and brightly complete the revolutionary accomplishments cultivated by the Great Leader.

2) Adhere to and forever succeed and develop the glorious revolutionary tradition accomplished by the Great Leader KIM II Sung during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle period and oppose and resolutely struggle against even the smallest expression of anti-Party activities that try to defame or obliterate the revolutionary tradition.

3) Do not connive towards the slightest phenomenon or element that depart from the Party’s sole leadership system, to the contrary, struggle against it.

4) Make all of your family as well as yourself look up to the Great Leader and fulfill loyal duty to him and remain endlessly faithful to the Party’s sole leadership.

5) Secure the authority of the Party through all means and defend the Party with your life.
All Party members and workers may become like the Great Leader KIM Il Sung by firmly establishing the Party's unitary ideology system and must complete the revolutionary accomplishment to the end, following the path pointed by the Great Leader.”